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REPORT of Annual Meetings next month. The "Southwest" came off in time to send a bulletin, which may be found on page 138, and the guests of the New York Board are just departing as these notes are written, too late, however, to offer more than two crumbs from a table that was richly spread.

The Treasurer's report revealed the receipts, $2,000 short of the aim and hope for Centennial year, but they are an advance of $12,000 upon those of last year.

"Mother" Schauffler, the first woman who went out to educate girls in the Turkish Empire, was present on the closing afternoon of the meeting, and, as on former occasions, addressed the audience in a voice that could be heard throughout the church, and in words that commanded the most reverent attention. It was the day before her eighty-sixth birthday, and it was pleasantly suggested that this meeting was her birthday party.

IT is impossible to reply individually to the many kind words of appreciation and cheer which have accompanied subscription renewals almost every day since the year came in. Will the friendly writers all accept our hearty thanks?

THE April number of *Children's Work* brought with it the first of the quarterly exercises which were among the promised features of the present volume. This first number of the series gives us much valuable information upon the subject of *Missionary Ships*, and provides an attractive programme for a band meeting or Sunday-school missionary concert.

PRESBYTERIAL secretaries will please send lists of new societies to their respective headquarters; not to the editors of the magazines.

THE meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies in connection with the General Assembly, will be held in Calvary Church, Philadelphia, Monday, May 21st.

Missionaries and delegates representing the various Woman's Societies will be in attendance, and an inspiring all-day meeting is anticipated. Calvary chapel has been secured as the headquarters for the Woman's Societies during the sessions of the Assembly, and all members will be cordially welcomed there daily, between 10 A. M. and 5 P. M.

Missionaries in connection with any of the Woman's Boards or Societies expecting to be present at the Assembly, will report immediately to Mrs. C. E. Morris, 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

THE many of our readers who heard Mrs. Happer's voice while she was at home last year, will be pained to know that she has been lying very ill at Canton. On Feb. 9th, she remained eight long hours in a swoon from which the assiduous doctors about her had little hope she could rally. On Feb. 21st she was recovering, but with the prospect of weeks of nursing before she could be in her usual health.

Dr. Happer wrote: "In some way the missionary calendar had never come under our notice, and it was very gratifying when, on the morning of the 11th, Dr. Fulton put before us the leaf for that day, showing that our names were down for special remembrance on that day."

THE pleasant news comes of a bride in the Lodiana Mission, "a Scotch lassie, and true Presbyterian," who has been doing mission work in India for several years. The American part of the family open their arms to receive Mrs. Charles Forman, of Jalandhar.

MORE than 100 societies are to be represented at the London Conference in June, and their character may be estimated from the fact that the annual receipts of these societies are more than two millions of dollars, while those of *all* Protestant missionary societies yield less than 2¼ millions.

THE famine in Persia is lightened and the missionaries do not feel justified in asking for further relief.

MR. WARD, whose letter from Teheran was unexpectedly abbreviated by the bottom of the page, says his school table costs less than $15 per week, but there is no boarding-school grumbling, for the fare is better than the boys get at home. A half dozen of them pay 5 tomans per year toward their board.

THE nephew of Bishop Hannington, Mr. Gordon, is at present holding Uganda, in the absence of Mr. Mackay.

BANGKOK NOTES.—The school for little girls, under Mrs. Wachter's care, was in session twelve months of last year, with only three holidays at the Siamese New Year. Average attendance was 13; and besides buying their own books, slates, etc., the tuition paid covered the school expenses, minus $16. All the little ones attending are now able to read, write, cipher and sew. The church received 28 new members the past year, seven of them women. Christmas offering from Women's Sewing Society was $30, and from the church $9.

HOW are we going to pronounce our Siamese names in monthly meeting? Accenting *the last syllable* of each one: Pĕtch-ä-bu (not boo)-ree; likewise, Rät-bu-ree, Cheng Mī, Cheng Sän.

OWING to illness of teachers and pupils, the Chieng Mai girls' school kept but 26 weeks last year, with 25 pupils. They suffer, also, the loss of the first term this year, because when Miss Griffin returned to America it was necessary for Miss Westervelt to escort her as far as Singapore and wait in Bangkok for traveling companions on her long return journey. Notwithstanding the interruption, the sewing department turned out 140 garments and 160 articles of bedding. The most interesting fact of the report is that the evangelist "on his return from Chieng Hai and Chieng San, brought us a message from the people of those provinces, begging that 20 of their girls might come down to enter the school."

Why not send a school to them? Isn't there a trained Laos girl ready to teach it? Home Missions! That's what Foreign Missions are to develop.

IT HAS been said that Southey's "*Life of Lord Nelson*" did more than any other thing to man the English navy. Send abroad those ANNALS, then, which have lately been so delightfully re-written from the larger biographies. The last out are *David Livingstone* and *Justin Perkins*, and no whit behind the others of the series. Don't rest until these books are in your Sunday-school library and everybody else's, and it will pay twice over to get the pretty volumes bound in cloth. Send to Room 48, McCormick Block, Chicago. Price, postpaid, only thirty cents.

A BOOK RECEIVED. *The Indian's Side of the Indian Question.* By William Barrows, D. D. (D. Lothrop Company, Boston.)

This little book of two hundred pages cannot be called exactly pleasant reading, but it may be profitable. It is another arraignment of the unbrotherly white man. The Cherokees serve for special illustration, and valuable statistics upon the decrease of Indian tribes, and much other important matter, are given. The conclusion is, that the Dawes Bill is the best thing yet found for the Indian, but that it must be helped out; as Mr. Dawes himself has said: "The Government can furnish money, but it cannot teach a school."

AN interesting article upon KING GEORGE WASHINGTON OF SIAM, written by Mrs. Feudge, will be found in the *Baptist Missionary Magazine* for April.

OUR MISSIONARIES IN SIAM AND LAOS,

AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.

Letters for Chieng-Mai and Lakawn should be sent care of H. B. M. Consul, via Papoon, Burmah.

Miss Edna S Cole,	Bangkok, Siam.	Mrs. J. B. Thompson,	Petchaburi, Siam.
Mrs. T. Heyward Hays,	" "	Mrs. D. G. Collins,	Chieng Mai, Laos,
Mrs. W. G. McClure.	" "	Miss Belle Eakin,	" "
Miss Mary Van Eman,	" "	Miss Kate N. Fleeson,	" "
Mrs. E. Wachter,	" "	Mrs. Daniel McGilvary,	" "
Miss Mary L. Cort.	Petchaburi, Siam.	Miss Eliza L. Westervelt,	" "
Mrs. Eugene P. Dunlap,	" "	Mrs. S. C. Peoples,	Lakawn, "
Miss Jennie M. Small,	" "		

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SOME DIFFICULTIES AND ENCOURAGEMENTS IN MISSIONARY WORK AMONG THE LAOS.

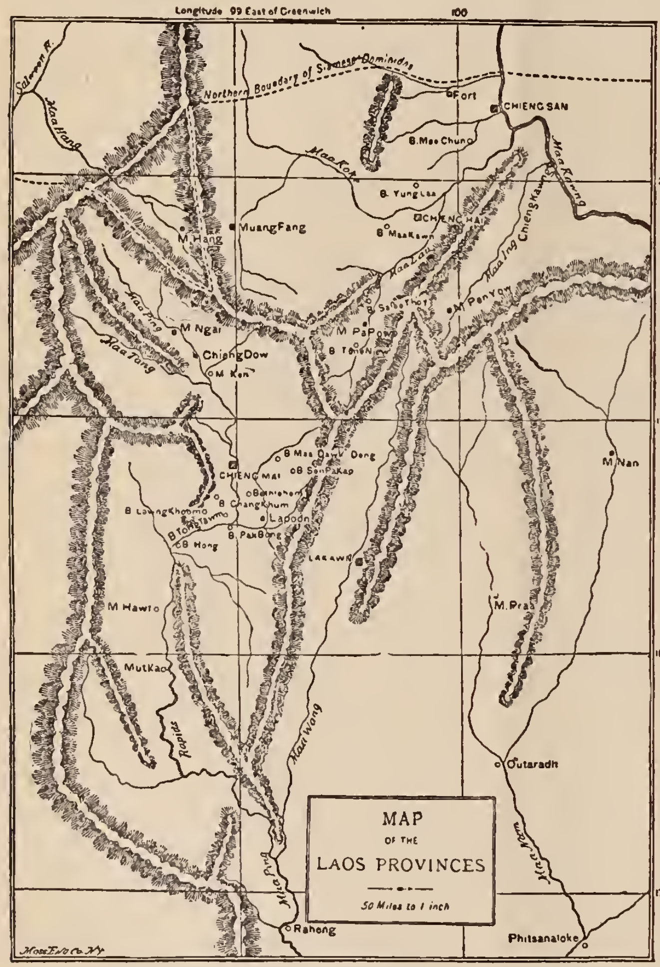
With the increase of missionary information it becomes possible to concentrate attention upon those features of the work which individualize the various fields. Especially may this be done in connection with the monthly concert of prayer. It is in the hope of lending additional appropriateness to the petitions and thanksgivings of Presbyterians during the current month, that attention is called in this article to a few of the difficulties and encouragements which attend the work in the Laos provinces.

To obstacles of a physical sort—insalubrity of the climate, the difficulty with which necessary building operations are carried on, etc., space permits reference to but one; the difficulty of travel. The missionary must adopt one of three modes of travel; by boat, by pony, or by elephant.

Boat travel in the Laos country is pleasant, but it is slow and available only to a limited degree. The navigable streams are few; they have swift currents and are broken by rapids, and even the larger ones shrink in the dry season until a boat which draws but two feet of water sticks in the sand many times a day. Of all the large cities marked on the map, not one is readily accessible by boat from Chieng Mai.

The Laos pony is a hardy little beast, and useful to the missionary, but there are serious limitations to his use. The mountains, in the dry season, furnish almost no forage for horses, and the mountain-paths are in many places too rough for them to travel, so that they are practically useful only for short journeys to places in the same plain with the mission station. Then, too, the traveler on horseback must have all his *impedimenta* carried on the shoulders of men, so that he really loses the benefit of his pony's swiftness. For all journeys in which there are mountains to be crossed, (and the map shows how numerous the mountain-ranges are), the missionary must employ the elephant. These interesting beasts will carry him and his baggage safely over rocky mountain paths, through tangled jungles, and across deep streams. At night he may be hobbled and turned loose to browse on the leaves of bamboos and other trees, but he is slow to the last degree; even on level ground he rarely makes more than three miles an hour. He carries so little in comparison to his great size and weight, and the foreigner traveling in these wild countries needs so much in the way of tents, bedding, clothing, provisions, and the like, that a journey of any length cannot be undertaken without several elephants, at least. A mission tour to Chieng San, for example, though the distance is not more than one hundred and twenty-five miles, will require three elephants, each with a *mahout*, who does nothing but control and care for his charge—and several servants besides; while the direct journey will consume nine days, and if the missionary stops at places along the way, as he always does, he must be absent from home and his other work at least six weeks. Now that the Laos Church is scattered over five provinces, while half-a-dozen others lie open to the missionary, this difficulty of travel constitutes a serious obstacle in the prosecution of the work.

Turning from physical hindrances to those which are moral and spiritual, we notice first the power of custom as binding the people to heathenism. The Laos are not an intellectual people; they are not given to disputation. The most learned priest would be likely to be put to confusion in argument by his missionary antagonist. But when hard pressed in discussion the defender of Buddhism always has an impregnable citadel into which he may retreat. This is the custom of his country. "Yes, noble sir," he says, "the religion you teach is good, better, no doubt, than ours,—for you; but it is not the custom of our forefathers. In language, in dress, we follow them, as you do your ancestors; in religion we should do the same." And from this position it is often impossible to move him. It is this tenacity of adherence to what has been, which, in Siam as in other Eastern lands, makes of railways and telegraphs veritable John the Baptists, preparing the way of the Lord. As they run the plough-share of change across old-established customs, the missionary may drop his seed of truth into the freshly-turned furrow.



COMPARE THIS MAP WITH ONE IN "WOMANS WORK," MAY, 1886.

Then, too, these Laos heathen have made heavy investments in their heathenism. They have contributed money to build its temples, and gild its idols. Many of them have given their best years to the service of its priesthood. Scarce a family but has a son or a nephew who wears the yellow robe. The practices of Buddhism, and even more of spirit-worship, are interwoven with the whole fabric of life. Almost all social pleasures are connected with one or the other; the whole practice of medicine is permeated by heathen superstition; birth, death, marriage, sowing, reaping, journeying, house-building,—all these and a hundred other like events of daily life have their accustomed religious accompaniments, and bind the people by the power of usage to the worship of false gods.

But, from difficulties and discouragements, it is a joy to turn to some of the encouragements. Prominent among these is the favor with the people which the missionaries enjoy. Their educational and medical work secures to them the countenance of His Majesty the King of Siam, and Bangkok sets the fashion for the provinces. In Chieng Mai and Lakawn the highest noblemen exchange calls with the missionaries. Seven large plots of ground in the two cities have been granted by the authorities for mission purposes. As Americans,

the missionaries are above suspicion of political intriguing, and are allowed to travel, teach, and establish churches and schools as they can. They have even been invited by the governors of unevangelized provinces to open stations at their capitals, and assured that if they would do so the whole country would soon become Christian, and, while some allowance must be made for Orientalism in these utterances, they at least pledge those who make them to abstain from open interference with the missionary work.

Then, there is a freedom of access not only to all parts of the country, but to all classes of the people. In the palace of the King, in the homes of the nobility, among the priests in the temples, in the cottage of the common peasant, to travelers by the wayside, to women and to men alike, the Christian teacher proclaims his message.

This is the result of several causes,—the warm climate and consequent out-door life of the people, is one. There are no bells to be rung, no barred gates to be opened; the people are in plain sight on their verandas, or in the cool shade of the trees. The easy-going life of the tropics, in which no one is so busy that he may not turn aside for a moment to hear the foreigner talk, is another. In the missionaries' favor is the hospitable, social nature of the people; they are fond of paying and receiving visits, and of conversation; the women are untrammeled, not shut up in harems or zenanas, but at liberty to go and come in the same fashion as the men.

But the great cause for thanking God and taking courage lies in the rapid growth of the Church, and in the substantial character of the Laos Christians. Within the last five years the Laos Church has tripled, perhaps quadrupled its numbers. The last annual report of the Mission tells of one hundred and ten adults and one hundred and eight children baptized during the year, with the solemnization of fifteen Christian marriages. The ages of those baptized on confession of their faith ranged from eleven to eighty-one years; many of these were heads of families; some were officers of the government; some were Buddhist priests. Among the number were representatives of five provinces, and, perhaps, a dozen different villages. And while this is the record of the past year, that of the current year is even better. A letter received while writing these lines tells of forty adults baptized in four months, and in no previous year of the Mission's history has so large a portion of the work accomplished been due to native Christian agency. This is a specially encouraging feature, for some of the Laos provinces are physically so difficult of access to the foreigner, and so isolated that we shall be constrained to commit to a Laos ministry the task of evangelizing and of ministering to them. I cannot close without reminding my readers that the Presbyterian Church is the only Church with a mission in the Laos. Upon her is laid the responsibility of advancing Christ's Kingdom in this fair land, and of winning these perishing souls for His crown.

Rev. Chalmers Martin.

THE HOSPITAL AT PETCHABURI.

[Built by Dr. Sturge and now under care of Dr. Thompson.]

The hospital stands at one end of the compound facing the river. The yard in front is 40 feet deep and 50 feet wide, and separated from the roadway by a brick wall. It is two stories high, but the lower floor can be used only for storage because the Siamese object to having people over their heads. The second story is divided into three rooms with a veranda in front and rear. One room is occupied by the Siamese assistant and his family, the middle room is the dispensary and the third is the men's ward. Two little bamboo houses were built in the rear for kitchens and sometimes have been used for a woman or child-patient. These constitute the hospital buildings.

The men's ward you would not find like a sick-room at home. It was formerly destitute of even a bedstead. The Siamese will not lie on pillows that have been used by others, so they always bring their own. The first time I visited the hospital and saw the sick lying on mats spread on the floor, I suggested bedsteads, but was told they preferred mats;

but it is found they will sleep on a bed when they have one and seem contented.

The Siamese sick man brings with his habits, his dirty clothing, his old trinkets, rice-pot, rice-bowl, betel-nut pot and bundle of *seri* leaf, and his never absent spittoon. These things are scattered about him. There are no watchful nurses to remove them and no matron to scold because the ward is in disorder. If the patient desires a little fish, cabbage or fruit, the relative who came to care for him buys it and puts it down where he can see it. There is not even a cupboard in which to keep such things. Should some meddlesome missionary carry them outside they would presently be brought back. The Siamese remind me of an old Irish woman who persisted in tucking everything under her bed, "to be handy," as she said.

The Mission appropriation for the hospital last year was only $300, so that bath-rooms and paid nurses are things of that future when the hospital is self-supporting or the Government is willing to provide a yearly stipend. The appliances are still too few. When Dr. Thompson arrived there was not a syringe fit for use and neither basins nor surgical basket.

The recent gift from the King has been paid into the treasury and the additions to the hospital are nearly completed. They consist of two wings built in front of the old building, one wing to contain the dispensary and operating room, the other to be a ward for women and children. The new operating room will relieve the doctor from the necessity of performing his operations out on the back veranda, subjected to the gaze of many eyes. One day he stood bent over for, I believe, two hours. He has also had several single bedsteads made, with a frame to hold mosquito nets. This will do away with getting down on one's knees. Hospital doctors in New York know nothing about the hardships of practice in Siam. The Siamese women are not like those of China or India. They do not object to being treated by a man, so Siam does not especially need women physicians, but she does need women nurses and I trust that some can be trained for the hospital in Petchaburi.

Mrs. A. Willard Cooper.

[Dr. Thompson treated 2838 cases during 1887.]

COMMUNION SUNDAY AT LAKAWN.

Outside the shaded rooms the hot sunshine beats fiercely down. Two fine mango trees near the front steps throw a grateful shade upon the veranda. The passers-by hold their white cotton scarfs above their heads as some protection against the sun's rays. The great gong is ringing and through the gate a little stream of worshipers come, glad to seek the cool shade of the veranda and hall. In the worship room the Lord's table is spread, its silver and linen in fair contrast with the delicate pink sprays of Honolulu creeper and a snowy blossom whose fragrance is like lilies of the valley. Bright rugs and mats are on the bare floor, and soon the women come in, clad in their neat skirts, white jackets, their hair glossy,— smooth and decked with gay blossoms. The men have their places upon the opposite side of the room and there is a moment's hush, then the tones of the organ unite with the voices in the dear old doxology, losing none of its sweetness in the Laos tongue. The Lord's Prayer follows, then Coronation.

Two young girls, Toon and Boon Nam, are giving themselves to the Saviour publicly to-day, and a wee little baby girl that we have named Chun Hom (Fragrance), is to be dedicated to our Lord. The sermon is a short comprehensive one directed to the hearts, with enough strong sense about it to fix their thoughts. I often wish my friends at home might have the privilege of hearing familiar truth vivified by listening to it in another tongue.

Every eye brightens when we are told that the man who seeks a shady tree and loves his ease will never reap a harvest of rice, so no indifferent person can hope to obtain eternal life; nor can we grow into the likeness of Christ, except we have his Holy Spirit dwelling in us, just as this place would be unable

to sustain life should our Heavenly Father withhold water from it.

While baby Chun Hom was being baptized she fixed her black eyes upon Dr. Peoples, and her mother told me afterwards that she thought God was in her little heart. When Toon and Boon Nam partook of the bread and wine, the tears of joy would come. They had been under my training for several weeks, so that they might be able to answer the questions put by the Session intelligently, and although I think they had loved the Lord for a long time before, since then they have shown a disposition to be faithful in all their duties, and I often find them reading their Bibles or singing from the hymn-book. Pray that they may lead others into a knowledge of their Saviour. *Mrs. S. C. Peoples.*

A BOAT PICNIC.

Last September the McClures came to Petchaburi for a wedding trip, and one day we took the bridal party up the river on a picnic.

The Buddhists were holding protracted meetings in many of the temples and we stopped at one to listen to the sermon. It was not original and was read from an old palm-leaf book, in a sing-song tone. As it was in Pali, I could understand only a word here and there. The place, an open pavilion, was beautifully decorated with flowers and banners, pictured scenes in the life of Buddha and his disciples. They never sing, but they had a native band that played before the preaching began.

I noticed that most of the worshipers were women, as usual. All sat upon the floor, or kneeled rather, bending forward with clasped hands and resting their elbows on the floor. Nearly every woman had a tray of flowers before her, with incense sticks or wax candles burning in their midst. A large brass basin full of holy water stood upon the altar, stuck around the rim with wax candles, all lighted. It seemed to be the business of one old gray-haired man to burn the incense and take up the collection. The silver coins, worth sixty cents each, were stuck into a candle and placed upon the altar before the priest.

We left a package of books behind us and going on up the river had our dinner in the pleasant grounds of another temple. I sold fifteen books in this temple to the little boys who came about us to see who and what we were. On our way home I began to talk to a woman and some children on the bank who were soon joined by many others that I had seen at service that very morning. I told them of Jehovah and Jesus, and gave one woman a book because she pleaded so hard for it and said she had no money to pay for it. It was the Gospel of Luke and costs three cents. They would a great deal rather tell a lie than pay that for one of our books. Still I hope it will make her wise unto salvation. It is God's Word and will not return unto Him void.

There is unbounded work of this kind to be done, and if there was some one to go with me I would delight in this wayside service.

Mary L. Cort.

PETCHABURI NOTES FOR THE YEAR.

Miss Small reports 25 boarding pupils in the Howard (girls') School, and nearly nine and a half months of study. The girls made 656 garments, on which $77.40 were realized.

Miss Small was delighted with what she saw on her vacation tours. "At every village scores of children, and nearly everywhere we were asked to open schools. The Governor has sent five little daughters, but we have room for many more, both high and low."

The eight day-schools enroll 208 pupils. The school-houses are used as chapels on Wednesday evenings, and Dr. Thompson has a dispensary in one of them, on that day.

Miss Cort directs three Bible-women, doesn't suffer the Ratburee School to go down, and has made seven tours. "I have enjoyed opportunities for way-side teaching, and have thus imparted knowledge of Christ to many Siamese, Laos, Cambodians, and even Burmese and Karens; have sold 155

books, and given away others. Many inquirers, especially women, I have taught in my house, and with daily lessons in Bible History, evening prayers with the school-girls, and Sunday-school, the busy hours passed quickly by."

On the journey home from Annual Meeting at Bangkok, as the boat was stopping, the ladies went ashore, and gathered a prayer-meeting of more than thirty people, some gray-headed, some babies. "Only a few," wrote Miss Small, "had ever heard of Jesus before. Miss Cort talked to them, and the young Siamese pastor read the Scriptures and prayed. It was a beautiful little service, in the early morning, on the river bank."

How will the record of offerings of our churches in this country compare with this from the church of 165 members in Petchaburi, for 1887:

Church Collections,	$240 00
Home Missions (Siam),	136 00
Christmas Offering,	30 65
Gifts to Hospital,	73 20
Bible Society,	31 00
Sunday-School,	20 30
Temperance Work,	17 00
Woman's Missionary Society,	18 50
Total,	$566 85

Mr. Dunlap is the only ordained missionary now at this station who has command of the language.

SIAMESE THEATRES.

The former king of Siam had a theatrical troupe, but I hear the present ruler does not encourage nor sustain such an establishment. The nobles have troupes composed of their own slaves, and they are clothed and maintained at their masters' expense. There is great emulation among the nobles in regard to the style and richness of jewels and costumes for their troupes. There is always a band of musicians connected with the theatres, and some of them play very skilfully on native and foreign instruments. By "foreign" we mean Chinese, Indian, etc.

Persons of lower rank often collect a band of players and go from place to place, as they are hired for funerals, weddings, or any native festivity. Near every palace are pavilions for the performance of plays and they are also found in temple grounds. Temporary sheds are erected in other places wherever needed, or the actors perform under a tree. Sometimes they stretch an awning from one side of the street to the other and there attract all the loose, idle rabble of the city to see the show. The one who hires the troupe makes merit by allowing the people to witness the performance free of charge.

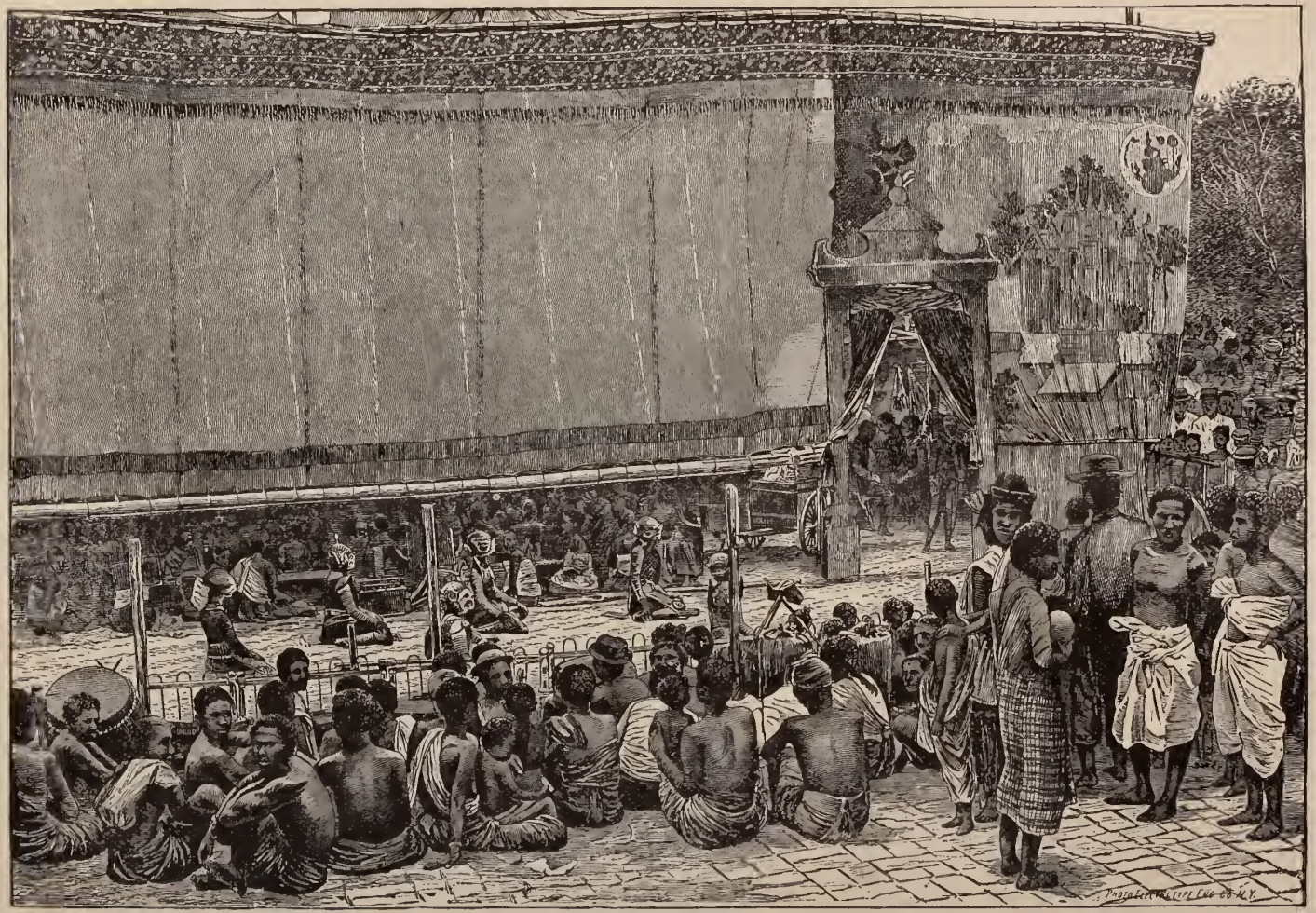
There are no private dressing-rooms, and the costuming of the players seems to be a part of the entertainment, and quite a comical part, too, is the painting of their faces and masking with false hair and whiskers.

These theatres affect tragedy rather than comedy, and yet every troupe has a clown who fills up the pauses between the acts with his buffoonery. The plays are usually both loud and immoral and the rewards are not to the good, but to the great; and as the princes and nobles are supposed, in this land, to have all the merit, it would not do to have them worsted even in the theatre. My Siamese teacher translated a play for me whose whole plot favored a nobleman who had taken a new and beautiful young wife into his harem, and who comes off victorious at last, notwithstanding all the lies and scheming of the older wives.

In many of the plays there are encounters with demons and giants of earth and air, and the bold-hearted and strong win the day. Then there are deep plots where parents and husbands are murdered, and the wives stolen and carried off in spite of every obstacle.

Plays translated from the Chinese often require a month for their performance, and they contain some bits of moral teaching. The players worship their costumes and masks in honor of their teachers and in hope of prospering in their trade.

Poor as they are, these theatres are all the amusement the people have, except boating and some few games in which all take part. With no concerts, no socials, no lectures, no



A SIAMESE THEATRE.

art galleries, panoramas, reading clubs or evening meetings of any kind, is it any wonder that, though there is nothing good to be said of them, the Siamese spend months of every year looking and listening at their theatres ? *A Missionary.*

A CHILD'S PRAYER AND ITS ANSWER.

For more than two years I had under my care a bright, attractive young Laos girl, about thirteen years old. More than usually quick and sensitive, she was also obstinate and sullen. Several times I resolved to send her back to her poor home and to her weak and unwise mother, but always failed to carry out my decision.

One day a letter came to us from America enclosing a note from a dear little girl in the home land, asking that we would take a dollar sent by her and buy a Testament for some little Laos girl in whom the donor might feel an interest, and for whom she might daily pray.

I gave the Testament to Fong Kao (Crystal Foam), and from that time a marked change was seen in her; she grew submissive and obedient, and seemed to feel a warm affection for us. Occasionally she would ask permission to go to her home in the country; these requests became, however, less and less frequent as she grew more attached to her home with us. One time we had made arrangements for a river trip, giving Kao an opportunity to make a visit to the country during our ten days' absence. No sign of any other intention was given until just as we were going on board the boat; in the path with the people from whom we were parting, stood Kao with a bundle in her arms. "Well, Kao, I take leave of you. I suppose you will go home to day!" "Oh, Nai," (Lady) "I do not wish to go home, I beg that I may go with you!" "Come, then!" I said, and in five minutes we were off.

After some time she asked admission to the Church, and the change in her was so apparent that none could doubt her sincerity. Of course, Kao was for a long time under Christian influence and instruction, but I like to think, and I believe it is true, that the gift of the Testament and the prayers of the little girl so far away were the means, by God's grace, of bringing her to the Saviour.

Lilian Allen Martin.

A MOHAMMEDAN POETESS.

Rev. Henry O. Dwight, missionary in Constantinople, kindly introduces our readers to a religious poem from a remarkable source. And like one little streak of light in the rift on a black horizon does this hymn of Sheref Hanum's seem to shine against the might and darkness and chill of Islam, as we have watched it these months past, against the Persian, Syrian, Indian or African skies. Like a nightingale's note in the cypresses along the Bosphorus, on a summer's night, it seems to sing and brighten all the air.

Similar encouragement may be derived from an article by the same pen, which appeared in the *Andover Review* for August, 1887. The subject is the "Nakshibendi Dervishes," the most spiritual of all the orders of dervishes in Turkey, and whose doctrine Mr. Dwight finds far above the every-day-life of an ordinary Turk. Though, indeed, they know nothing of Christ as a Saviour, their writings bear deep impress of the heart's need of God as a refuge, and of the sinfulness of sin, and some of their prayers would become a Christian's lips. Among several striking questions, with which the paper concludes, is this: Whether the key of approach to that massive Mohammedan wall which lifts itself in Turkey may not be by the way of the best spirits among these dervishes.

Mr. Dwight relates an incident in the same paper concerning a Nakshibendi Sheikh, that same Obeidullah who with his Kurdish army environed Oroomiah (and *ours*) in 1880: "When Sheikh Obeidullah (of Kurdistan) was in Constantinople, I had a talk with him on the subject of the change of heart which God's Spirit can effect. He was fully as much aston-

ished to learn that there are Christians who believe in the necessity of regeneration, as I was to hear him say that he had seen repeated instances of it, through the Spirit of God working in the hearts of his own followers, the men having been turned from vice to purity and piety. Afterwards he remarked to one of his Moslem friends, referring to this talk and to his acquaintance with American missionaries in Persia: 'To say that these Americans are not the people of God's guidance, is to confess one's self a fool. Yet, if we believe the Koran, we must say those people are unbelievers or we must be, ourselves. For my part, I hold an unbeliever of this sort and a Moslem are both one.'"

CONSTANTINOPLE.

But all this while our poet is kept waiting in her *yashmak* and *feriji*.

Mr. Dwight writes:

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 13, 1888.

I am glad to be able to send you one of Sheref Hanum's hymns for your WOMAN'S WORK. She was born in 1809, and, I think, still lives in Constantinople. Her family is well known for the men of literary tastes which it has given to the nation. Her published works are in one octavo volume of about 350 pages, and consist of religious and secular poems. The religious poems, which are about one-half of her whole works, are largely made up of songs of praise to Mohammed, or of celebration of the virtues of the Dervish Fathers, or of dirges of the most passionate description. Her secular works are mainly love-songs of the Persian type (where the lover is not in the least ashamed of insanity and the eyes of the beloved cause hearts to fly into little bits, or her looks can chain even elephants to do her will).

The interest of the hymns which I have translated lies, to my mind, in the sense of sinfulness which they reveal and which is not always found among Moslems in the form it takes here—driving the sinner to feel his dire need of the grace of God. But even this must be accepted with full mindfulness of the fact that the Moslem is always a restorationist. He believes that the worst Moslem

will ultimately be received into paradise. Hence a sense of sinfulness is entirely compatible with deliberate choice of a sinful act. The sinner may often feel that he would rather take a limited punishment by fire hereafter than endure the pains of deprivation here.

A PRAYER.

More feeble grows my nature,
Have mercy Lord, have mercy Lord!
Thou knowest its inmost feature,
Have mercy Lord, have mercy Lord!

My restless heart each hour by fate
Is wrung—by sorrows sore beset—
Oh set me free from such a state!
Have mercy Lord, have mercy Lord!

My life is bereft of meaning,
In vain is my tongue's complaining,
While sin each act is staining.
Have mercy Lord, have mercy Lord!

So tired am I of pain and grief!
To me, bewildered, grant relief,
And save from careless unbelief!
Have mercy Lord, have mercy Lord!

If grieving Sheref, loving Thee,
Gain not from Thee a remedy,
In Thy Great Day, she lost must be!
Have mercy Lord, have mercy Lord!

AN APPEAL TO THE CHURCHES FROM THE "STUDENT VOLUNTEERS" FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

An appeal recently sent out by the Committee of these "Volunteers" reached us too late for last month's issue, and has since appeared in several religious papers, but we desire it to have the widest publicity, and are glad to give it recognition in our pages.

The following reasons are given why they are volunteers for foreign mission service: (1) first and foremost, our Lord's command; (2) because the needs of the foreign field are so much greater; (3) the reflex influence of foreign missions on the spiritual life of the home church; (4) because of the present crisis; (5) because the whole world can be evangelized in the present generation. After amplifying upon each of these reasons, Appeal is made to the churches:

And now, for the sake of the Name, that Name which is above every name, the love of Christ constraining us, we go forth. Will you not take us up and set us on our journey worthily of God, that the Blessed Name may be spread abroad, and that *you* may be fellow-workers for the truth?

Money is wanted for this work. There is need for the millions of the millionaires, and for the mites of the widows. All cannot go, but all can give. There are two colleges in Canada—Knox and Queens—each of which is about to send a man to China and to support him for life. The undergraduates of Princeton College, New Jersey, have subscribed $1,500 for the support of a college missionary. The missionary is a recent graduate, and has sailed for India. Three theological seminaries in the United States have decided each to support a graduate in some foreign field. The students of Princeton Theological Seminary have pleged $850. The undergraduates of Union Theological Seminary, New York, have subscribed $700. The Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary, Fairfax Co., Va., has only 44 students. These men have subscribed $625. Each of five members of the Faculty has pledged himself for $25 per annum for life, and two mission stations near Alexandria have pledged $100 —total $850. A member of the present Senior Class has been chosen as Seminary missionary, and hopes to sail soon after graduation. Fourteen more among these 44 men wish to be foreign missionaries. Are there not fourteen churches, each of which will give enough money to support at least one of these men? Eighty-five people, each contributing twenty-five cents a week, will pay the salary of a missionary and of his wife. Thousands of churches, Sunday-schools, young people's societies, and Young Men's Christian Associations, can support one, two or three missionaries apiece—*if they will.* Single individuals can each hold a representative abroad. A student about to be admit-

ted to the New York bar has pledged to support a friend as soon as he enters the foreign field. Can you not yourself give enough money to support at least one missionary? Let us be conscious of the awful limiting power of human inertia.

Is there one law of self-denial for the missionary disciple and another for the disciple who 'stays by the stuff'? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and olive yards, and vine-yards, and sheep and oxen, and men-servants, and maid-servants? Is it a time for Christians to hoard money? Is it a time for thinking only of society and fashion, for spending money on rich eating and dressing, while the world is waiting for the gospel, and the eyes of the dying are fixed on us; while the Master is among us recalling the question, 'Have not I commanded thee?' Is it not a time for close economy, for handling our substance as stewards of God?

[The paper closes with an appeal for more prayer.]

A BUNCH OF REPORTS.

If there is any work done on mission ground that penetrates to the very foundations of society, it is that done in girls' boarding-schools, and we always wish we could quote Annual School Reports more fully than our space justifies. From a large number of such which have accumulated on our hands, we select these fragmentary extracts.

Complaint is sometimes made of a "sameness" in all these records. Read, and see! They are not a bit alike. Can anybody peruse them without being stirred? Certainly not one who was ever a teacher herself.

With one exception, these reports were written at the close of 1887.

Miss Anna Schenck's, of Teheran, Persia, covers the facts of the good-bye to the old school-building last spring, the summer school in a rented garden outside the city, while the new building went up, and the completion of that long-cherished hope under Mr. Potter's unwearied supervision.

A New Departure.

"We propose now to enter upon a system of nominal payments from such pupils as can afford to pay something. The benefit to themselves in encouraging a spirit of independence is for the present considered more important than the income to the school. So the charge is very small, with the intention of increasing as the people grow up to it. This is a new departure for Schools in Teheran, and we expect our attendance will be lessened by it. No charge of any kind is made in the Shah's College, nor in the large schools of the French Catholics, nor in the large Armenian Schools well supported by the Armenian merchants of the city.

The School in the Garden.

"The girls have entered with zest into country pleasures; have petted, fed, loved and, alas! sometimes mourned, owls, birds, dogs, cats, goats, and a calf which familiarly walked through the school-room, regardless of protestations. Some have shown courage in killing centipedes, tarantulas and snakes, and in bearing the stings of bees.

"The great work of the summer months is in the Industrial Department. Those who at first knew neither how to cut or put a garment together, nor sew at all without basting, can now form the material into beautifully made clothing very quickly, and with such neat sewing as would mortify the average American school-girl. Think of a child of twelve years making up, during three summer months, not only her own needed clothing for the year, but doing the same for two younger children! Some 300 articles, including 65 dresses, 86 aprons and 41 skirts, were made almost entirely by hand.

Religious Life of the School.

"Half the school give evidence of being Christians. They respond readily to the spirit of self-sacrifice both in doing and giving. The "Lord's money" is earned by knitting stockings for the school. The collections from the summer S. S. amount to about $16, for Bible distribution in Persia. Few of these children ever owned a piece of silver money.

"The U. S. Minister to Persia has shown a kind interest in our children, giving his pres-

ence at their exercises on several occasions, besides supplying pleasure for them at Christmas and fire works in the summer garden. Average attendance for the year 36. Who will volunteer to be sharer in the responsibility of these souls?"

THE "FAITH HUBBARD SCHOOL" AT HAMADAN, PERSIA.—Those who can, will read between the lines of Miss Annie Montgomery's opening paragraph.

"A new worker in the school, a new and comfortable home and a new and suggestive name for it! The worker, a part of the means to build the home, and the new name,—legacies, received by the death of some of God's saints. No! not death; the entering into life of some who loved God's work in Hamadan and prayed for it.

"The boarders (in school) have increased to 26: 2 Nestorians, 2 Jews, 20 Armenians and 2 Mussulmans. The last two have been with us only four months, but we feel so thankful that grace was given us to brave the danger receiving them involved, and to give them the Bread of Life, when they stretched out their hands to receive it. Even should we lose them very soon, they would never, we think, be content to live as they would otherwise have done. Taking them last week for a visit to their parents, we had them dress after their own Moslem fashion, for we wish it clearly understood that we do not wish them to adopt our customs, but to become true, good and useful *Persian* women. Though they had only such a little while been accustomed to the long, neat dresses worn by our Armenian girls, it was with difficulty they could be persuaded to let us see them in their Mussulman dress.

(After enumerating the large number of garments made by the school.)

"In four months they have washed 1,000 pieces, besides doing all their own mending, cooking and sweeping. When we take into consideration that all these girls have school lessons in three languages, and some of them in four, if we do not call this an Industrial School, we must give them credit for being industrious, and this is a most valuable lesson among a people who would so much sooner stain their souls with sin than their hands with honest work.

"Our school work this year has been continued progress in the branches heretofore taught. New pupils coming and others passing from the school almost as soon as they can learn to read, would not be very encouraging work, were our main object to make ours a great school. But since we wish specially to lead them to the Lamb of God and give them a sufficient knowledge of God's Word to make them good and useful men and women, we do not so much regret the lack of time for more advanced studies. The higher education of women must be something to look forward to for the coming generations.

Average attendance for the year (1887, including day-scholars) has been 71.

MISS ALICE BARBER reports for BEIRUT SEMINARY.—As we look back, the way seems neither long nor monotonous. It has stages of accident, times of danger, hills of difficulty, stretches of rough road and one sad vale of tears, but the end has been attained in safety; not even the youngest or feeblest of our number has been left behind.

The entire number of pupils enrolled during the year has been 157, 72 of whom were in the higher department. Diplomas were given to four girls. One of them is now teaching in the Seminary, one in a day-school in Shwifat; a third is keeping house for her brother, a physician in Sult; and the fourth is preparing for her marriage.

The 16th of May is a date memorable on account of the sailing of Miss Everett for America to enjoy a well-earned rest. At the very beginning of our attempt to keep in motion the machinery of daily routine without her who was its mainspring, we were dismayed to find that small-pox had entered our dwelling. But the Deliverer was present, and the dread disease did not spread.

The prayers offered last winter that doors of access to the Moslems might be opened, have been answered in a way that rebukes our want of faith. One bright little girl was brought to us by an older sister. A widowed

mother from one of these wealthy families wished to put her two little girls into the school as full-pay scholars. Her anxiety to have them willing to remain was quite touching. "Lay them first on silken beds," said she, "then after awhile you may put them on beds of straw." Seven little Moslems are in the lower day-school, and Moslem women come frequently to visit us.

Mrs. William K. Eddy reports 23 village schools in the Sidon field, and something worth hearing about every one. We give samples, only.

At Alma, a former pupil of Sidon Academy has both taught the school and conducted services on Sundays, and labored with the people in building a new church which has been completed. The town is in a poverty-stricken region infested with robbers. The stolen property amounted last year to 12 donkeys, 14 oxen and 112 sheep.

In Balat there are two former pupils of Sidon Seminary married to brothers, and they are proving useful in the instruction of the women, for whom they hold a meeting on Thursday afternoons. The number of pupils at the school reached 40.

In Hasbeiya, a Moslem was put in prison for sending his son to our school. The father afterwards died, and the boy voluntarily returned to school, and has received a Bible as a prize for committing to memory the Shorter Catechism.

Two boys from Jezzine are in college in Beirût, and two are teaching in Protestant schools. This is encouraging when we remember that on the opening of our school there, five years ago, the teacher's family was practically ostracised from society.

The school in Khirbeh has drawn to it 18 pupils from the neigboring bigoted village of Kalaah. A prize of a doll was offered to the girl who should excel in her studies, the contest being between two from the two villages named. They came out so nearly equal that neither was willing to take the doll, but they wished to keep it for a day by turns.

In Mejadil, as a result of the school, hymn singing has become so common as to have superseded the singing of coarse songs; such is the testimony of a Maronite sheikh.

In Syria, as in America, common schools work is not rich in striking incidents. We can only hope that steady instruction, especially in God's Word, may be used as the means of bringing light to hearts and homes.

The teacher in a village has a very influential position among the people, and we hope you will always remember them as needing prayer.

Miss Seeley, from Futtehgurh, in the Punjab, reports of her general work:

Girls' vernacular schools, 12 in number, with an average attendance of 150. We had a visit from the Deputy Inspector of Schools, and as most of our best are Purdah pupils, it was with great difficulty the examinations were accomplished. The older girls were obliged to sit with their backs to the Inspector, their faces veiled, only half an eye open, so they could barely see to read and write. I almost trembled for the result, as the examination was given so reluctantly. But the report proved as good as could be expected.

My Bible-woman and two heathen teachers report 88 zenanas open, and 91 pupils reading. Work has been both interesting and discouraging. Interesting, when we think of the many women who are reading for themselves these precious Gospel truths; how discouraging, when we see this good news has made so little impression upon their darkened minds! They are not willing to accept Him as a personal Saviour. It is the same old excuse, "How can I leave my husband and family, and become an outcast?"

My Heathen Sunday-school continues to prosper. It is an interesting sight to see frequently 40 heathen women and girls gathered Sabbath mornings. We have just finished Luke, and it was gratifying, upon review, to see how much the women remembered. Nearly all the parables and miracles were intelligently given from memory.

These Sabbath mornings with my heathen teachers and pupils have been the most enjoyable part of my year's work, and may God add His richest blessing!

Letters from the Front.

SIAM.

Miss Cort writes from Petchaburi, January 17th, 1888:

When the King was here he had both his Queens with him. Since then the "Queen of the Left Hand" has lost four children. Three of them were with her here and were taken ill during the visit, and she was so overwhelmed with grief over their death that her own life was despaired of. For several days and nights the Princes did not dare leave the palace, expecting every moment to hear of her death. During this time of apprehension old Mrs. Bradley, who has been in Siam nearly forty years, was thinking of the Queen one day, and the thought came over her that she was about to pass into eternity unsaved, and she just bowed her head in her hands at the table where she sat, and prayed God to have mercy on her and spare her life till she should be converted. The Queen's life was spared, but the little royal child was still-born. Mrs. Bradley told me of four of the old Princesses whom she hopes she will meet in heaven.

We are just now having the delightful privilege of a visit from Dr. Phraner of Sing Sing. His presence has done us good. One Sabbath morning he told our people through an interpreter what he had seen of mission work in Japan, Korea and China, and in the evening preached an English sermon for our benefit.

Col. Child, our U. S. Minister, and his family are also with us. He is pleased with our methods and our work.

As soon as we can get off, now, we shall begin our country touring. The weather is delightful, and I am eager to be among the villages.

I cannot speak too highly of the mission calendar. I send my grateful thanks to whoever got it up, and to the one who sent it to me.

Miss Edna Cole wrote from Bangkok:

We have four large girls who have been in school nearly five years, and are much better educated than any Siamese woman I have ever met, and, although they really know very little according to our standard, still we have decided to graduate them, and try to have just as attractive and impressive a ceremony as we can make. Even after they have finished this year I hope to keep them and try to make them useful in the school.

Just now our land is having a visit from the Crown Prince of Japan and his wife, with his Secretary and his wife. This is quite a new feature, the royal visitors bringing their wives with them.

A few evenings ago a most unprecedented event occurred. One of the Siamese Princes gave a state dinner, to which the Siamese ladies were invited to be present with their husbands, and, for once, sat at the table with them as equals.

Mrs. Jennie Nielson Hays wrote also from Bangkok:

Dr. Hays has secured a place for a dispensary on one of the principal streets of the city. The use of it was granted him by a General of the army, who is much interested in medical work. The room is light and airy, with tile floor and clean white-washed walls, and with shelving, counters, and a stock of nicely labeled bottles, has something of a home appearance. Though only ten days since it was opened, customers, both foreign and Siamese, have already found it out, and the number is daily increasing. We are glad to have made a beginning. These people are much prejudiced against foreign medicine. They have the belief that when the physician finds the patient cannot recover, he gives him some medicine which quietly takes him out of the world. However, this prejudice is wearing away, and, in cases of severe illness, they are only too glad to call in a foreign physician.

CHINA.

Sunday in a Heathen City. Lazarus at the Gate. What $30 Will Do.

Mrs. Mills, of Tungchow, wrote of a tour taken by her husband some months ago, when he rode a very bad donkey for more than 400 miles:

"He organized a church at one of the stations, with 30 members; administered Lord's Supper in 30 different places to 400–500 members; and examined five Christian schools of 50 boys.

"Afternoon Sunday-school is large and fine. At that time Mr. Mills always has a crowd of outsiders to talk to, and I have an infant class of 18. There is no one to take the little strays that come in with dirty hands and faces, with eyes and mouth open in wonder, so I let them stand around in my class, give them a smile and a kind word, hoping they may hear some words they will remember. Their naked bodies or gaudy jackets, the crippled feet of the girls, the queer hair-dressing, have ceased to look queer to me now. But Sunday isn't Sunday in a heathen city. The people all wear their every-day look and dress, the street is crowded with men and donkeys, fairs are open, men are buying and selling, cheating and lying; no God, no conscience, no sweet Sabbath rest. The one sweet sound that floats over the city is the peal of our chapel bell.

"A few days ago Mr. Mills found a sick man lying outside our gate. He had come in from the country to get work. He had no money, his hoe had been stolen, and he had no cover at night while sleeping out-of-doors. We gave him a few cash, some medicine, and told him to go to Dr. Neal. I called the old woman who helps take care of Sammy, and a young girl who was here, and we soon run up a little comforter for him. About a week after, a man came to the door with a basket of apples and asked for the teacher-lady. We did not recognize the strong-looking man, and he had to explain that he was the same that lay sick at our gate and had come to bring a little gift. What a good chance Mr. Mills had to tell him again about the Saviour! We have many such opportunities.

"Last summer there was an opening for a Bible-woman in the village near us. I sent the wife of Mr. Mills' teacher, who had helped me in our family.

NOT ALL ROSES.

"Her life in her husband's family had not been all roses. Much of the time her bed was on the cold earth floor, and her work was made very hard for her. Three little ones were sent to her, and at such times she was allowed three days to rest. God took two of the little ones to Himself. Her husband was studying at Dr. Martin's. She was ambitious for him and endured everything that he might stay there, spinning, weaving, making his clothes and her own, besides putting something into the family fund.

"After she was converted, this woman spent a year studying at Chefoo. She made good use of her time, and can read nearly everything she wishes to. After her year in Chefoo she spent much time teaching her relatives and friends, even going to villages and spending two and three weeks teaching the women. Through her influence *more than twenty confessed Christ.* This, with the fact that for the two years she was with me she maintained a most consistent demeanor, seemed to justify me in putting her again into the direct service of the Lord. They moved into the village near, and when we offered to pay some one to do her sewing and grinding so that she could have more time, she was delighted, but said her wants were simple both in food and dress and if I would pay her enough to meet these expenses, it would be all she would ask. *Thirty dollars is quite enough for that.* Every Monday morning she comes to me with a report of her week. She visits on an average two families a day, and on Friday afternoon gathers them at her own house for instruction. She has had as many as 30 women and as many children at a time.

HOW TO WIN THEM.

"It has been an inspiration to watch her while urging the claims of the living God upon them. I have realized how much nearer she can get to the people than I can. If one seems inclined to believe, she takes her and caresses her, while she talks as to a sister. She does not mind that the hand is not clean; the odor from the last meal of garlic is not offensive to her; in their homes she does not mind the grease, and dust, and smoke; she does not hesitate to sit on the brick bed, though it may be infested. I *can* do the same. I have done it, but with what a revulsion of feeling! I need hardly say that she is making many friends.

HELP FOR DEAF MUTES.

"I have had a great many questionings as to what is to be *my* work in China. Mrs. Mateer, Mrs. Hayes, and Mrs. Neal having no little ones to care for, are giving their whole time and strength with most hopeful results, the two former to the boys' school, the latter to the girls' school, besides going out in spring and fall to the villages, either to teach the Christian women, or to tell the Gospel news to the heathen. I cannot leave my little one to take these long, hard journeys, and my work at home for the deaf * is constantly prompting me to try to do something for that class here, and after much thought and prayer we have decided to take the deaf son of one of our elders in a country village. I am busy preparing some first lessons, a classification of the combination of sounds in the language. The children of the Rochester Institute are sending me a small sum to begin with; any work of this sort will not interfere with my two weekly prayer-meetings, or house-to-house visiting."

KOREA.

MRS. ANNIE ELLERS BUNKER fears that some published lines of hers may have given a wrong impression, and requests us to publish the following. It is due Mrs. Bunker to say that if the

* Mrs. Mills, as Miss Annetta Thompson, was a teacher in Rochester Institute for the deaf and dumb.

letter to which she refers had been printed in its entirety there would probably have been no chance for misconception.—

"In your December number you have part of a private letter of mine published.

"In this letter I mention the fact that all missionaries except Dr. Allen and myself left Seoul for a vacation. This statement is misleading in one particular. Although Dr. Heron and his family left Seoul for the summer, and resided at the river, Doctor rode up to attend to his hospital duties during his week.

"The letter was not written for publication, and I did not weigh words as I should have done.

We understand that Dr. Heron had also other outside responsibilities in addition to his usual duties.

We are favored with the following letter from Dr. John W. Heron, who has, at present, entire charge of the government hospital at Seoul, and whom the King has recently honored with second rank in the kingdom. The date was Feb. 6th, 1888:

We have a church here of 28 members, with two elders. In one northern village are 22 men asking baptism; in another are over 30; in another 15; and in another 10. Surely, this is the Lord's work, and however cold the Church at home, and how ever feeble are our hands, He will carry it forward. The number of adherents to the Christian religion is to be counted by hundreds. Mr. Underwood found one whole village Christianized.

We have two colporteurs and two men who are doing evangelistic work, and two Christian women at work, and six (women) asking for baptism. Only a little over three years since the mission was started, and see the work! Surely, this is the nation that is to be "born in a day."

We must work quietly, but by so doing we can go steadily on. We hope soon to start a man to the south. These people read Chinese, and so we can give them the Chinese Scriptures. We are, however, translating the New Testament into the written Korean language, so that the women who don't read Chinese may read the Bible.

We have now 40 students under our care, 26 in the orphanage, and 14 in the hospital medical school.

We are looking forward to Dr. Lillian Horton's coming with great eagerness. We need her very much.

INDIA.

Miss Emily M. Foote, who went to Woodstock last year, writes:

There were, at the opening of the school in March, ninety-five boarders, and others came later, a number of whom were day scholars, increasing the number to one hundred and twenty-five.

The pupils, as you know, are from Eurasian homes and English households, as well as missionary families. Two are daughters of Rev. and Mrs. Chatterjee, who are so highly respected in America. Both are very nice girls, and one has quite distinguished herself in the excellence of her class-work during this, her first year at Woodstock. She entered the fourth standard or grade and, at the end of the second quarter, was first in her class. I found her after this announcement was made, trying to console her class-mate who had, for two years previous, borne away all the honors. Like most schools in India, Woodstock is under the protection of Government and receives a grant, the official inspector visiting each school once a year, for the purpose of examining it. His returns decide whether a girl shall be promoted. The result of the last examination showed that in five subjects Nina Chatterjee's papers were marked "*one hundred.*" On computing the averages to decide who shall be first, conduct is considered as well as class records, which affords a great incentive to good behavior.

The girls are divided into sections, each missionary teacher being styled a "section teacher," to whom the girls report if any rules of the school have been broken. Sabbath afternoons, usually, a meeting is held by each section teacher, to which all are invited, and Tuesday evening a meeting for Christians more especially. At this last there is an average attendance of eight or ten in each section. There are four sections. These little meetings have, I think, been a great source of help and, by God's blessing, instrumental in strengthening Christian character and influencing others to enter upon a Christian life.

There are two missionary societies among the girls: the Band of Hope, to which nearly all the little ones belong, and the society of older girls. The amount in the treasury at the end of the year was about twenty-five dollars. A part of this was given to a former Woodstock pupil who is doing mission work, and a part was given to a lady physician, who had greatly interested the girls. This lady spoke of the value of little paper bags for powders, and of bottles to give to the people who never think of bringing anything in which to take medicine away. The girls were very active making quantities of paper bags and collecting bottles.

PERSIA.

First Experiences.

The first letter we have the pleasure of presenting from Mrs. McDowell was written at Oroomiah, Dec. 23, 1887:

We had a most delightful journey all the way from New York. We were on the way just three weeks. We were especially favored with good weather. The rains which were expected long

before our arrival, and which would have made our horseback journey somewhat dangerous, were kept off until some time after. The most trying day we had was our first on horseback. We were obliged to ride ten hours in order to reach a stopping place. We had miserable horses, so by night we were very sore and stiff. When we reached the little mud village where we were to spend the night, one of the ladies was too faint to get in alone. We seven were led through a small gate into a stable-yard, out of which opened one room for all of us, about ten by fifteen feet. This room had mud ceiling, walls and floor. It had no outside light except what came in through the broken door. In one corner, in a niche in the wall, burned a piece of string in a saucer of oil; it made but the dimmest light. There was not another article to be seen. We were glad, however, to drop down on the floor. Half an hour later our servant brought in a chicken and eggs, cooked, also coffee and native bread; these were put down on the floor with a piece of paper for table-cloth, and how we did enjoy our supper!

We retired early that night, spreading our blankets on the floor; I think we never slept better. We rose early, having another long stage to take that day. While we ladies were making our toilets, suddenly a hole came through the wall and the hole was at once filled with eyes. Though we had come late at night, the villagers had heard of it and a great crowd were gathered about to see the "strange looking women." Through the hole they watched us dress and eat our breakfast, which was served in the same style as supper. We could scarcely get through the crowd when we went to mount our horses.

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We are taking a lesson in Syriac every day, and read a chapter in the New Testament each day. The language is not so difficult as we had anticipated. We hope soon to be able to work in Syriac. To relieve the ladies a little I have Miss Morgan's class in sewing twice a week. This P. M. we shall give the time to making small bags, which are to be filled with cards, cookies and candy for Christmas.

You know by this time of the threatening famine here; there is utter destitution in some of the mountain villages, and every day hungry ones are coming to our doors. In order to put them in the way of helping themseives, the ladies have laid in supplies of wool and cotton, which are given out to the poor to spin and weave. As the others have their hands more than full, I am treasurer and have charge of the store-room. We have been praying that real famine may not come, as it did seven years ago, when with all the help the Mission could give there was great suffering, and many starved to death.

These two branches of work, though small, take time, and with my studying and housekeeping, keep me busy. We spent our first two weeks here with Mr. and Mrs. Coan, who were classmates of ours in college (Wooster, Ohio.) As we bought our furniture and dishes here, we were able to commence housekeeping two weeks after our arrival. We live next door to Mr. Coan's. We were made happy the 14th of this month by seeing sixteen large camels walk into our yard bearing our own and Mr. St. Pierre's boxes from America. We lost very little. Mr. St. Pierre had a great many things broken and stolen.

Boys' School at Teheran.

Rev. S. Lawrence Ward, wrote to the ladies of St. Louis in January, regarding their new quarters in Teheran, and the school of which he is Principal:

We are in a semi-chaotic state in our new place. Two years ago, nothing but gravel; now, a chapel, two schools, and a residence complete, a few trees set out, and walls about the compound built and repaired. Were you to walk about the place you would be reminded of lava beds from the barreness and roughness. All this work may be called complete, though still a mason or a carpenter may be seen lingering about some part of the place. Mr. Potter and family occupy the residence, and Mr. and Mrs. Esselstyn are their guests. Dr. and Mrs. Torrence, with their two children, live in a rented house, and my family occupy the lower story of the boys' school-building. Over our sitting-room is the school-room, about 14 × 25 feet, holding 28 boys seated at 13 double desks; back of this is a large room in which 12 boys sleep, and across the hall are three rooms containing 14 boys, and a recitation-room. Farther back is a dining-room, and a bridge leads from it to the kitchen. We employ one servant, and the boys do the rest of the work. Next spring I shall (D. V.) build a house for ourselves, and thus double the room for the school. We have at present the following teachers and students:

Head teacher, Armenian Mirza, at a salary of ten tomans* per month.

French teacher, same salary.

Persian Mirza, six tomans.

Hebrew Rabbi, two tomans.

We have a young man to look after the boys out of school hours, who is also a pupil, and receives a salary of two tomans and his board.

We have as students: four Jews, three Fire-worshippers, and eighteen Armenians. Of these last, one is from a village near, one from about half-way to Ispahan, two from Kasover, and five from Rescht on the Caspian. We have day scholars: one Armenian boy, one English, and my own boy, eight years old.

* The toman = $1.50.

Home Department.

THE MONTHLY MEETING — May.

Scripture Text, Is. xlv., 22.—Look unto me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else.

Scripture Reading, Isa. xlv., 18–25.

General Topic.—SIAM AND LAOS AND OUR MISSIONS THERE.

"The doors are wide open, so wide open that it often makes our hearts sick to think that so few are entering them to possess the land for Christ."

Description of Bangkok: the Royal Mint; postal service, telegraph lines; the King's College; Wat-Po; floating houses, etc., etc. (Refer to Miss Cort's Book, and *W. W.*, May, '87.)

Chulalangkorn, the present king. (Miss Cort's Book, Ch. X.)

The ancient capital; When founded? The Siamese Mecca. The Wats or Temples. (Refer to *Siam and Laos*, published by the Presbyterian Board.)

Many changes among the workers on this field. Missionaries now at Bangkok. Churches and Schools Work of the Press. Medical work.

Petchaburi. The Missionaries in charge. Churches and Schools. The Hospital. Outstations. Class for training Bible-women. Woman's Missionary Society. Miss Coffman's Legacy. Poom's Wedding Visit of the King and Queen. Tour down the west coast. New work at Ratburee. Favor shown by the Prime Minister (Refer to Ann Reports and *W. W.*, May, '87 Notice statistics given in Ann. Rep. of B. F. M.)

The Laos Field. Its wide extent and numerous villages. Remains of ancient cities. Commercial and political importance of Chieng-Mai. The Hill Tribes. "Facts about Lakawn." (*The Church*, and *W. W.* for May, '87.)

Chieng-Mai and Lakawn. Churches. Schools. Medical work. Missionaries in charge.

The journey from Bangkok to Chieng-Mai. (Refer to *Siam and Laos*, *Ch. XXIII.*, and *The Church*, May, '87.

Letters. The Governor's children at school at Petchaburi. A visit to day-schools and a Siamese home, *W. W.*, (Jan., '87.); Dr. McGilvary's Tour, (Feb., '87.); Gospel Conquests, (March, '87.); Festivities at the Capital, (May, '87.); A Trumpet Call from Miss Cort, (Aug., '87.)

Description of Ratburee. (*The Church*, July, '87, p. 90.)

Visit to Ratburee (Letter, *The Church*, Sept., '87.)

The Siamese helper, Kru-Krit, and the new sailing vessel. (Letter, *The Church*, Nov., '87.)

A Roman Catholic College in Siam. (*The Church*, Jan., '88.) Rom. Cath. Missions in Siam. (Historical Sketches.)

Articles well worth attention: "Readers and Reading in Siam." Siam and Burmah. Siam and Malasia. (*The Church*, May, '87.)

E. M. R.

ARE THERE DANGERS?

Organization is the crystallized thought of the day. The advantage of systematized activities, especially in Woman's Work, have been abundantly set forth. Are there any attendant dangers or disadvantages? It has been thoughtfully suggested that there may be.

If this is so, the united forces should be on guard. It *is* true that any substantial form, however fair, casts a shadow when turned from the sun. Every one concedes that even the best things are capable of perversion; therefore, conscience should be sensitive to the faintest "appearance of evil." "Let not your good be evil spoken of."

Any difficulty that besets a Woman's Board, ramifies through the auxiliaries; for we cannot separate the body from its members, and it is the whole constituency that gives force and character to our work. Happily there is no danger now, as was honestly feared in the beginning, that organized Woman's Work will cause diversion of funds otherwise secure to the General Board.

Few need convincing that a large part of the offerings made by women are the fruits of purely feminine ingenuities and sacrifices, and the resolute practice of "systematics" (let this last be emphasized), which would never have been evolved but for the demand for gifts of their very own.

As our Missionary Societies have the enthusiasm of newness and numbers, and the

stimulus of frequent meetings, there is a possible danger that, here and there, the interest and obligation may be quietly given over to them altogether. If there is this tendency, it is not induced by the desire of the women to monopolize these obligations or to lead in these responsibilities.

But suppose "the brethren," kindly observant of the command "help those women," do assist them in earning funds, by attending the "missionary tea," the "open meeting" or general "praise service," whose privileges they are sometimes invited to share. Is there danger that the portion that goes into the treasury through the influence of feminine beguilements (with often a fair equivalent), will satisfy the masculine conscience, or, by so much diminish his own "tithes and offerings"? If any fall into this error they may be enlightened and reclaimed without relaxing any lawful womanly activities in order to "put away occasion."

But are there not more serious possibilities than these? Is there danger that even in a Woman's Board of Missions, work may become secularized, the spiritual clouded by the temporal, the ultimate aims made subordinate, in a measure, to more sordid achievements? It is so necessary to be business-like, and there is such a scope for executive ability, that the fact that it is the "*King's* business" *may* be lost sight of in zeal for accuracy and perfection of detail and large success in the "*business*."

Can it be that wholesome emulation induced by the desire to "provoke one another to love and good works," may degenerate into unseemly competition, which could have no opportunity were there no Boards, auxiliaries, reports and statistics?

Does organized work, in its very nature, open the way to any remote possibility of self-assertion and a disposition to dogmatize? Officials themselves, particularly in subordinate departments, realize that there *is* a dreadful temptation to "lay down the law," with emphasis, and insist upon little formalities and pet methods, to a degree that Mrs. Stowe might think characteristic of the "little fox, Intolerance," or perhaps that other, "Exactingness."

These small side-issues are not necessary nor even imminent results of minutely-systematized affairs, but simply possible. Those most engaged in Christian work are most deeply interested in knowing where to guard against extremes and extravagances, dangers or possible disasters.

Prudent, prayerful care will prevent "choice virtues" from "going to seed." "Wisdom is profitable to direct." Even in so rugged a thing as work we would cultivate "whatsoever things are lovely," and of "good report," as we pray, "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us," before we say: "The work of our hands establish Thou it."

May we be enabled to fulfill the conditions of faith and faithfulness, docility and watchfulness, and claim the promise: "The Lord shall guide thee continually."

Julia H. Johnston.

RECEIVING AND GIVING.

Some one has said: "There are two things for live men and women to do—to receive from God, and to give out to their fellows." This receiving is not the simple consciousness of living and breathing at the will of God, but taking into the inner life of the fulness of God, and the consequent growth of the soul. This is truly receiving from Him; then, as violets follow the spring's first breath, or golden fruits crown the season's growth, so surely will such receiving be followed by giving. Life's fulness of love and blessing will seek its outlet. This underlies every effort which looks to the elevation or amelioration of the race: "We have freely received, therefore, must we freely give." Men and women filled with that thought are God's right hand workers in the world, pulling down strongholds of sin, carrying light into dark corners of the earth.

We all have our moments of depression, when we feel that we are of little force; that there is not much that we, with our small bank account, or perhaps none at all, can do

to push forward the cause of Christ. But "the Twelve" were not wealthy, as the world counts wealth, and it was to them the words were spoken: "freely ye have received, freely give." We dare not hide ourselves behind our poverty, close our lips or fold our hands. "In God's sight the individual counts" —the *you* or *I*, not the dollars in our pockets, and that which makes the *you* or *I* precious to the Master, is what can be turned to account for the Master.

Then let us shut ourselves up with God, and take an inventory of what we have received from Him. Perhaps we shall find some talent we have been almost unconscious of; certainly, if we are God's children, we shall find some gift through which He would have us bless some other life. *A. L. H.*

SUGGESTION CORNER.

Do the members of our societies understand that they are invited and expected to monopolize this "Corner"? We want it to become a regular counter of exchange for questions, answers, and hints concerning methods and usages in our society meetings and management. When you have found a good thing, share it. The capacities of the "Corner" have never been developed. It may be made very helpful, and it is pleasant to hear these responses from East to West, from near to far.

As to Meetings.—A feature of the recent tenth anniversary of the Young Ladies' Society in Geneva, N. Y., would bear repeating in other places. It was "the roll-call of nearly one hundred names of those who have ever been connected with the society, those present responding with Scripture texts, and letters being read from many of the absent. As these messages came from Minnesota, Iowa, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and even distant Syria, some of them accompanied by offerings for the treasury, they gave very encouraging proof that the influence of the society has reached out far beyond the church where it was organized ten years ago."

Another good thing comes from the last Synodical meeting in Michigan. What missionary but would breathe in new courage to hear of such a custom in her society? "It read on the programme, 'Messages from our Missionaries, with prayer.' Brief reports of the work of the past year of the ten missionaries supported by this Synod were given by as many ladies, and prayer followed for *each*."

A Correspondent from Boonton, N. J., writes:

In the December number of our magazine I saw a short article from Scranton, Pa., asking that every one belonging to our societies would make an estimate of our Christmas gifts to friends, and consecrate one-fourth of the expense to the Lord, as an extra offering.

I have made such an estimate, and gladly send two dollars. I belong to the Young Ladies' Band of our church, and have mentioned the suggestion at one of the meetings. May we not know through our magazine whether others have acted upon it?

Woman's For. Miss. Society of the Presbyterian Church.

1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Candidates will address Mrs. C. E. Morris.
Treasurer, Mrs. Julia M. Fishburn.
Send all letters to 1334 Chestnut St., Phila.
Directors' meeting first Tuesday of the month, and prayer-meeting third Tuesday, at 12 M., in the Assembly Room. Visitors welcome.

The Annual Meeting of the corporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church will be held in the Assembly Room, 1334 Chestnut St., on Tuesday, May 1st, 1888, at 11.45 A. M.

M. B. Smith, *Recording Secretary.*

Miss Mary G. Johnson, daughter of Rev. W. F. Johnson, India, has been adopted by our Society, and her many friends in India are eagerly waiting to welcome her there.

Miss Jennie B. Dickson and Miss C. C. McCreight, formerly of Poplar Creek, who were obliged to leave their station on account of the closing of the school, have now been

sent to Pine Ridge, Dakota, where, for the present, they will engage in house-to-house visiting among the Indians at that station.

THE LADIES of the Occidental Board gave a farewell reception to departing missionaries a few weeks since, among whom were our own Mr. and Mrs. Frederick S. Curtis. The Chinese girls of the Home sang a number of their favorite hymns, and gave them their texts for the voyage. These hearty "send-offs" which our sisters on the Pacific coast so often give, are sunny spots for the dear missionaries as they leave the home land.

WE HAVE had pleasant visits during the month from MRS. J. M. MCCAULEY, Japan, and Miss SCOTT, Woodstock. MISS FRANKS, Bogota, stepped into our Monthly Prayer-meeting for a few minutes, and gave some encouraging words.

SOME time has passed since we have printed anything on the subject of *Medical Missions*. A leaflet has been prepared, which gives valuable information in an interesting way. Briefly and graphically we are told of the different forms of medical work in heathen lands, and especially of the labors of the consecrated women who care for the bodies as well as the souls of their heathen sisters. Price of the leaflet, *Medical Missions*, 2 cents, or 15 cents per dozen.

NEW AUXILIARY.

Wellsboro Presbytery, Kane, Pa.

NEW BANDS.

New Jersey,	Alexandria, First Ch., Seed Sowers.
"	Cranbury, Willing Helpers.
"	Englewood, Earnest Workers.
"	Paterson, First Ch., Young Ladies'.
Ohio,	Pleasant Valley, Hays.
"	Xenia, Link.
"	" Myrtle.
Penna.,	Birmingham, Mountain Children.
"	Frankfort Springs, Pickens.
"	Philadelphia, Beacon Ch., Lucy Robbins.
"	" " David Livingstone.
"	" Green Hill, Boys'.
"	" Wharton St. Ch., Young Ladies'.
"	Reading, First Ch., Aftermath, Young Ladies'.
"	Sewickley, Golden Rule.
"	Spruce Creek, Cool Run.
"	Warren, Evergreen.
"	" Mizpah.
"	Washington, First Ch., Standard Bearers.
"	Webster, M. S. Shaw.

Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest.

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Correspondence concerning special objects, Mrs. N. W. CAMPBELL.

Correspondence with Auxiliaries and concerning organization, Mrs. GEO. H. LAFLIN and Mrs. N. D. PRATT.

Correspondence concerning candidates, Mrs. H. T. HELM.

Remittances of money to Mrs. C. B. FARWELL, Treasurer.

Meetings every Friday at 10 A. M. All persons interested in mission work are cordially invited.

ALICE MITCHELL, M. D., daughter of Rev. Arthur Mitchell, D. D., so well known as one of the Foreign Mission Secretaries of the Assembly's Board, has received an appointment as medical missionary to Peking, China, and hopes to leave this country in July.

THE announcement of the safe arrival of Dr. Horton at Yokohama, will be received with pleasure. Mr. and Mrs. Winn, who have been in this country on account of ill health, have so far recovered as to be able to return to Japan, and will probably have arrived by the time this reaches our readers. Miss Cora B. Lafferty, of Cincinnati, has an appointment to Japan.

MISS JENNIE WHEELER, of Nemah, Wis., has received an appointment to the school at Monterey, Mexico, to take the place formerly filled by Miss Fanny Ward, who soon returns home.

AN appointment to the Seminary at Oroomiah, Persia, has been received and accepted by Miss Anna Melton, of Bardolph, Ill., also by Mary E. Bradford, M. D., of Lexington, Ill., for medical work in Tabriz, Persia.

Persia and Japan are highly favored this Spring in new missionaries. Relief B. Seeds, M. D., is also appointed for medical work in Teheran, Persia.

IN Dakota, where our Presbyterial officers do the hardest work, and make the longest trips, the officers of one Presbytery have called *in person on every society* under their care, making special appeals. If this example were followed by all our ladies, the results would be enormous.

THE work at 48 McCormick Block has so increased, that the working force will this year receive several additions.

An arrangement is being made by which societies shall receive more direct and frequent information. If there is an auxiliary connected with the Board of the Northwest which does not, through its secretary, receive regularly the monthly letter, notification should at once be sent to 48 McCormick Block, where the omission will be corrected.

We recommend friends of Foreign Missions who expect to become subscribers to *The Interior*, to send their subscriptions through the W. P. B. F. M., as one dollar of the subscription price thus sent is generously presented by the editor, to Foreign Missions.

We are glad to announce another "Annual." The fifth of the series, a "Life of David Livingstone," by Mrs. J. H. Worcester, Jr., is fresh from the press, and is a fitting companion of the other four.

There have been many biographies of Livingstone published, but ours has the advantage of containing a full account of this wonderful life in so condensed yet interesting a form, that no one can say he has not time to read it, or lay it down because the details grow wearisome.

We thank our friends for the generous appreciation they have shown of these volumes, two of which—Robert Moffat and Adoniram Judson—have already demanded a second edition; and we promise that the high standard of excellence determined upon, both in the selection of subjects and execution of the work, shall be maintained throughout the series. Price, post-paid, 30 cents; paper covers, 18 cents.

For leaflets and missionary annals published by this Board, also for the free mite boxes and envelopes furnished to our auxiliaries, societies in the Northwest will please address "The Woman's Board of Missions, Room 48, McCormick Block, Chicago."

New Auxiliaries.

Madison	*Presbytery*,	Cambria, W. M. S.
Dubuque	"	West Union, Bethel Ch., Willing Workers.
"	"	Oelwein, W. M. S.
Logansport	"	Logansport, Broadway Ch. Band.
Council Bluffs	"	Randolph, W. M. S.

Women's Board of For. Miss. of the Presbyterian Church,

No. 53 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The regular prayer-meeting will be held the first Wednesday of every month, at 10.30 A. M., lasting an hour. Visitors cordially welcomed.

Each other Wednesday there will be a half-hour meeting for prayer and the reading of missionary letters, commencing at the same hour.

All interested invited to attend.

For special department of each Secretary, see third page of cover.

Address all letters to 53 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City.

Most pleasant is it to announce that Mrs. Henry N. Beers has been unanimously elected President of our Board. Mrs. Beers has long been one of our most valued Vice-Presidents, and comes to her position with the love and esteem of all who have ever been associated with her.

Already, as this page is being prepared, there is fair prospect that that *pro rata* of $63,200 will be reported at our annual meeting. "Shout the glad tidings, exultingly sing"—In 1884 our Board received for Foreign Missions, $30,393; in 1888 double that amount.

Do not forget the Women's Foreign Missionary Meeting in Philadelphia, May 21st. Let the New York Board be well represented there, and share the goodly fellowship, the thanksgivings, the supplications. We shall thus be made more steadfast, more assured in our hope for the coming year.

Miss Ball writes that on one of the stormiest nights she ever knew, twenty young people gathered at her house to organize a Society of Christian Endeavor. These were Seneca pupils and friends.

Miss Youngman writes that the elderly Bible-women do some teaching half the day, having an easier course of study. The younger ones will be carried through the same studies that were first appointed.

Miss Warner, Ningpo, February 23d, is arranging for another Industrial Class, the one already formed at Kong Poh having proved most successful. With all the missionaries, Miss Warner speaks of her enjoyment and appreciation of the Missionary Calender, and the strength that comes from the assurance that with one accord so many hearts are lifted in prayer on their behalf.

Miss Newton, writing from Peking, January 18th, says there are 28 boarders and 3 day-scholars in the school, 16 of these church members. She gives a diagram of the school-building, and in speaking of the fact that several girls sleep in the room, says it is Chinese custom. They sleep on kangs, rectangular mounds of earth and brick, surmounted by a layer of cemented brick deep enough for a person to lie at full length. They are heated by a charcoal fire. The Chinese sleep on them without mattress, rolled in a thin quilt, and consider them vastly superior to our beds.

Mrs. Edw. Newton, in camp near Lodiana, January 31st, is rejoicing in restored health and vigor, and able to go with her husband through country districts where there are no good roads. She speaks of the many who profess to believe the Gospel, but have not courage to confess their faith in Christ openly, thus breaking caste. She says there are thousands of villages connected with our mission

stations where no foreign lady has ever been, and adds: "Many think this work can be done by native Christian women, but this is a mistake. The pioneering must be done by us. Native women must, as a rule, work very quietly as yet." She begs for ten more helpers.

MISS MONTGOMERY feels the loss of one of the native teachers, who has lately married. In the few years she has been at Hamadan, she has been permitted to see the work broaden so greatly, that now still another helper is called for. She wishes she *might come at once.*

MISS OTTAWAY, Guatemala, February 7th, speaks of the past year as one of great anxiety, yet she is grateful that in the seven months intervening between Mr. Hill's departure and Mr. Haymaker's arrival, she and Miss Hammond were able, besides carrying on the school, to assist in keeping up the service in the native church, and to take charge of the ever-growing Sunday-school.

LETTERS from Mrs. Wachter, January 9th, Miss Cort, January 18th.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Rochester	*Presbytery*,	Rochester, Emmanuel Church.
Utica	"	Utica, Olivet Church.
"	"	West Camden.
Boston	"	St. Matthew's Church, Boston.
"	"	Quincy, Mass.
Cayuga	"	Workers for Christ Band, Westminster Ch., Auburn.
Hudson	"	Woman's For. Miss. Soc, Blauvelt.
Long Island	"	Little Helpers Band, Middle Island.
New York City	"	Progress Band, Calvary Church.
"	"	Light Bearers, Boys' Band, Park Presbyterian Ch.
Syracuse	"	Woman's For. Miss. Soc. of Memorial Ch., Syracuse.

Woman's Presbyterian For. Miss. Society of Northern N. Y.

10 WASHINGTON PLACE, TROY, N. Y.

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THE Christmas boxes sent to our new field among the Nez Perce Indians at Mt. Idaho and Kamiah, have been acknowledged in a long letter just received from Miss S. L. Mc Beth. She says: "It is a right royal 'tree,' such as Kamiah has never seen, and Miss McBeth sends grateful thanks in behalf of the Kamiah people to the kind friends of Northern New York, now, for the great pleasure and comfort in store for the little ones, and 'grown-ups,' too, of their Sabbath-school. The Rev. Robt. Williams will write his thanks as well as he can, D. V. He and the others, who are in care of the N. N. Y. Society, write good letters in Nez Perce, but their English composition is still defective, making them ashamed to write. Those of my boys in my Theological class, with their wives, who were present, tell me that they had a very happy Christmas at Kamiah. The whole church assembled at the holidays as usual. They had preaching services daily for more than a week; the Lord's Supper on Christmas, and a precious out-pouring of the Spirit in their midst. Ten Nez Perces united with the church then, and one shortly after."

She asks that, in future, all such gifts for the Kamiah school, or for her own school at Mt. Idaho, be sent by mail. The expense of sending by freight is much greater, and, during the winter months, all such facilities are suspended, while from Mt. Idaho to Kamiah every thing must be carried by pack horse over a mountain trail, and these large boxes had to be opened, and the contents re-packed in smaller, more convenient form for transportation. So many of our Societies and Bands contributed to these boxes, and there has been so much interest shown in taking up this new work, that it seemed desirable to give this public announcement of their arrival, but the letter ought to be read at length by all the donors. Copies of it can be had from Miss M. C. Eddy.

As the reports from the Societies and Bands come in, one suggestive point impresses itself on those whose duty it is to compile their figures, and that is the regular proportion, between the number of copies of this magazine taken, and the number of dollars sent to the general treasury. In some societies it would seem as though it would be good policy to use the whole contribution in buying "seed" for another year, in the shape of copies of this magazine, for where there is an utter lack of knowledge, how is it possible that there should be any interest in Foreign Missions? Those having the interests of this publication in charge, have feared that the popularity of *The Church at Home and Abroad* would diminish the subscription list of WOMAN'S WORK, but our reports do not indicate it. Where one is taken the other is wanted. In most cases, the Society which reports a suitable number of the one, has an equally fair report of the other publication. What

we want to do is to *urge* subscriptions upon people who have no interest in our work. If some one would volunteer to send the magazine to the Secretary or President of some of these Societies where no copies are taken, say for three months, if a year is too much, it might be that it would bring forth fruit, "some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundred-fold."

SEVERAL enterprising Bands, in sending in their reports this year, have decided that they would like to support a scholar, generally a *boy*, in some place in which we have no schools, and have accompanied this announcement with a sum of money insufficient to support a scholar anywhere. Would it not be well, before appropriating the money, to correspond with the Secretaries whose names appear at the head of this page, and ascertain the amount necessary to support a scholar in any desired school; also whether there is any work given us in that field, and also whether there is not some work already pledged by our Society which we would like just as well, if not better?

Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Southwest.

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Meetings of the Board are held at the Presbyterian Rooms, 1107 Olive Street, second floor, St. Louis, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, at 9.30 A. M. All interested in Missions are invited to be present.

Missionary Literature can be obtained at the "Rooms," between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. Mail orders should be addressed to "Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Southwest, 1107 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo."

MRS. KATE M. IRWIN, of St. Charles, Mo., sends, by request, a brief sketch of Annual Meeting:

Our space is insufficient to give even a taste of the precious feast enjoyed by the Southwest Board at its Annual Meeting, March 28th and 29th, 1888, at Leavenworth, Kan. It opened on Wednesday morning with a devotional service, which seemed to bring an immediate blessing. The usual Welcome, Response, Greetings and Secretaries' Reports filled the morning. A profitable responsive Bible-reading opened the afternoon session.

A good practical paper was on "Give." Another, entitled "Work, Trust and Pray," urging our Christian women to gain the gift of praying in the Auxiliary Society, and a stirring address by Rev. Frank Wright, a Choctaw, carried us high up on the Mount.

The popular evening meeting found a crowded house. An interesting exercise by children of the S. School, followed by the appearance in native costume, and singing in their own language, of two of Miss Alice Robertson's Creek girls from the school at Muskogee, Ind. Ter., prepared the audience for the earnest and instructive address of Rev. E. C. Ray, of Topeka, upon "Woman's Work for Woman in Home Missions." A liberal collection was taken, several little girls acting as collectors.

A bright sunrise on Thursday morning promised another day of "good things" in the meeting, and there was no disappointment. Looking on the sufferings of women in Utah, with Miss Maggie Ramsay, and traveling to Zululand to look with horror on the filth and degradation of its women, as Miss Mary Pinkerton drew the picture, and again stirred by the misery of Mohammedan women in Persia, as told by Miss Carey, of Oroomiah, then once more to the school for Creek girls; we certainly cannot plead ignorance if henceforth we fail in our duty in this work for our Master. The afternoon session closed with re-election of the officers of the past year.

The evening session brought a crowded house, which listened with breathless interest to Rev. Geo. E. Post, of Syria. Our Eastern workers who have already heard him, know what a rich and instructive evening was given us.

The Eleventh Annual Meeting has closed. We go down from the Mount with new responsibilities resting on us. Shall we meet them in the strength of our Lord?

NEW LEAFLETS.

Prayer for Missionaries, price, per doz..... .15
Your Share, price, per doz..... .20
For Love's Sake, price, per doz..... .10
"So Much To Do At Home," price, per doz..... .20
Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, (reprinted from *The Church at Home and Abroad* for May, 1887, price, per doz..... .10
Those favorite leaflets: Giving Like A Little Child, and A Strange, but True Story have been reprinted, and can be had for 6 cts. and 8 cts. per doz., respectively.
Ways of Working, a leaflet which may be helpful to those interested in Mission Bands for boys, price, per copy.....
A Lesson in Stewardship, by "Augustus," of the *New York Observer*..... 02

NEW BANDS.

Kansas, Topeka, First Ch., Willing Workers.
Missouri, Milan, Little Jewels.

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, from March 1, 1888.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

ATHENS.—Logan, primary class, 20.00

BALTIMORE.—Aberdeen, 17.35; Ashland, 17.60; Baltimore, Aisquith St., 65.25; Boundary Ave., 161.27, India Bd., 55; Brown Mem., 436.51, Mrs. Jones's Mem. Bd., 135, S.S., 144.60, Casket of Jewels, 20, Mrs. Gray's cl., 30, Mission Bd., 40; Broadway, 15; Central, 1,195, S. S., 150, Morning Star Bd., 25, Buds of Promise, 30, Dugdale Bd., 30, Seek and Save, 50, Miss E. E. Baird, in memory of her parents, 20; Faith Ch., 36, Daisy Chain Bd., 27, Earnest Workers, 2, Hope Bd., 6, Boys, 17; 1st Ch., 682.52; 2d Ch., 97.47, A friend, 200, Willing Hearts, 29; 12th Ch., 68.26, Guli-a-nar Bd., 60, Mission Bd., 60.32, H. W. C. Bd., 5; Lafayette Sq. Ch., 83.10, Earnest Workers, 66.60; Light St., 25; Madison St., 25; Westminster, 84.10; Bel Air, 25, Joy Bd., 30; Chestnut Grove, 90; Churchville, 50; Deer Creek Harmony, 72.15; Ellicott City, 33.30, Rose of Sharon Bd., 57; Emmittsburg, 56.34, Daisy Chain Bd., 6.28, mite boxes, 5; Frederick, 30; Govanstown, 15; Hagerstown, 32; Hampden, 25; Lonaconing, 11.50; Piney Creek, 30; Williamsport, a lady, 25, 4,815.34

BLAIRSVILLE.—Armagh, 25; Beulah, 62.75, Bd., 6.50; Blairsville, Noble Bd., 15.05, Five-to-Six Bd., 5; Braddock, 10; Conemaugh, 23; Congruity, Mrs. E. Foster, 5; Congruity, New Salem Branch, 33.10; Greensburg, 115, Foster Bd., 40; Harrison City, 22; Irwin, 19.10; Latrobe (Miss P. Miller, 30 cts.), 10.30; Ligonier, 30; Livermore, 19; Manor, 8.50, Bd., 6.93; Murrysville, 96.63, Y. L. C., 29.30, Boys' and Girls' Bd., 50; New Salem, 40; Parnassus, S. S., 50; Plum Creek, 18; Poke Run, 8; Verona, 22.13, 770.29

BUTLER.—Allegheny, 7.66; Amity, 36.60, Y. L. C., 28; Buffalo, 20, McPherrin Bd., 21.15; Butler, 66, Y. P. S., 14.72; Centre, 31 75; Centreville, 29 55, McCauley Bd., 3.50; Clintonville, 12.50; Concord, 70 55, Girls' Bd., 8.85; Fairview, 18.35; Grove City, 72, Y. L. C., 50, Bd., 10; Harlansburg, 48; Harrisville, 20; Martinsburg, 5; Middlesex, 42; Mt. Nebo, 24; Muddy Creek, 25; New Hope, 9, Bd., 5; New Salem, 20; North Butler, 22; North Liberty, 12, Workers for Jesus, 10; North Washington, 35; Petrolia, 4; Plain Grove, 2, Y. L. C., 2, Cheerful Workers, 1; Portersville, 26; Scrubgrass, 27; Summit, 11; Sunbury, 66.50, Y. L. C., 12.20, Busy Bees, 6.62; Unionville, 26, 965.50

CARLISLE.—Harrisburg, Market Sq., 30.00

CHILLICOTHE.—Bloomingburg, 2; Chillicothe, 1st, 171.75, Earnest Workers, 10, S. S. inf. cl., 3.38; Chillicothe, 3d, 13.40; Concord, 28.75; Frankfort, 27; Greenfield, 21.50; Hamden, 8.35; Hillsboro, 21.80; Sycamore Valley, 10; Marshall, 8.02; Mt. Pleasant, 10.50; North Fork, 18.78; Pisgah, 3; South Salem, 117, Legacy Miss M. Wright, dec'd, 40; Washington C. H., 15.66, Y. L. B., 2.75; Wilmington, 27.10, 560.74

CINCINNATI.—Cincinnati, Central, S. S., 40.00

CLEVELAND.—Cleveland, 2d, 32.25, James Eells Soc., 30, Handy Bd., 150, S. S., 360, Primary Dept., 30; Euclid Ave., 307.65; Parma, 10, Gleaners, 1, 920.90

DAYTON.—Dayton, 1st, 35; Piqua, 81, Troy, 2d Soc., 50 (166, less 55, previously acknowledged), 111.00

HOLSTON.—Greeneville, 9; Jonesboro, Y. P. S., 5; Mt. Bethel, 4, Cheerful Givers, 1; Salem, 2, Y. L. C., 1, Children's Bd., 1; Timber Ridge, 2, 25 00

KINGSTON.—Huntsville, 5.00

KITTANNING.—Bethesda, 15; Boiling Spring, 18; Currie's Run, 14.25; Elder's Ridge, 51.25; Elderton, 20.08; Glade Run, 21; Harmony, 38; Homer City, 20; Indiana, 125; Leechburg, 20; Mechanicsburg, Bd., 5.13; Parker City, 15.60; Saltsburg, 30, Little Sunbeams, 32; Slate Lick, 37.50, Inf. Bd., 4, Helen and Blair McCracken, 1; West Glade Run, 25; Worthington, 29, 521.81

LEHIGH.—Allentown, 23.50, Helpers, 40, Loring Cir., 44.07, Boys' Bd., 13.22; Ashland, 19, Spring Violet Bd., 5.22; Audenreid, 25; Bangor, 12; Bethlehem, 34, Musgrave Bd., 50, A.D. Moore Bd., 33; Catasauqua, 1st, 67.40, Cheerful Givers, 11; Bridge St., 30; Easton, 1st, 97.07, Y. L. C., 30.70, Loring Bd., 17.39; Olivet S. S., W. Workers, 5; Easton, Brainerd, 187.56, Y. L. C., 50, Isabella Nassau Bd., 40, David Brainerd Bd., 66; East Stroudsburg, 5.15, Mt. Rill Bd., 2.50; Hazleton, 55.35, S. S., 39.34, Wild Daisy Bd., 10, Y. L. C., 5, A. B. Jack Bd., 4.20; Hokendauqua, 7, Cheerful Workers, 7; Mahanoy City, 26; Mauch Chunk, 174.45, S. S., 33, Ferrier Bd., 7, Nevius Boys, 30; Middle Smithfield, 20; Mountain Ch., 12.52; Pottsville, 1st, 61.55; 2d, 16.50; Port Carbon, 15; Reading, 1st, 129.43; Shawnee, 30.25, Sunrise Bd., 6.25; Stroudsburg, 33.25, S. S., 5; Summit Hill, Patterson Soc., 19.75, Rev. J. White Bd., 5; South Easton, 11.79; Tamaqua, 6.80, Mayflower Bd., 10; Upper Lehigh, 42; Pres. Soc., 7, 1,726.69

MORRIS ANN ORANGE.—Chatham, 50; East Orange, 148.25, Y. L. B., 100; Hanover, 22.30; Madison, 137.46, Y. L. S., 145, Busy Bees, 36.92; Mendham, 1st, 60.27, Washington Corners S. S., 9.52; Orange, 2d, 457.10, Y. L. S., 37.75, Heart and Hand Bd., 10.15; Rockaway, 39.50; Schooley's Mountain, 30.58, Handful Bd., 11.70, Light Bearers, 11.75, S. S., 10.47; South Orange, 45; Summit, 104.01, Y.L.B., 9, 1,476.73

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Bound Brook, 15.00

NORTHUMBERLAND.—Bald Eagle and Nittany, 53.50; Berwick, Kumler Bd., 43.33; Bloomsburg, 161, Neal Bd., 45.26, Four o'clock Bd., 38.35, S. S., 50, A friend, 15; Buffalo Cross Roads, 70.51, Silver Star Bd., 4.82; Buffalo, Mifflinburg, 38.76, Earnest Workers, 11; Danville, Grove, 50; Danville, Mahoning, 53.94, S. S., 97.21; Elliott Aux., 80, Busy Bees, 18, Evergreen Bd., 60; Hartleton, 18; Jersey Shore, 50; Lewisburg, 67.55, Snowflake Bd., 23.42; Lock Haven, 54.35, Y. L. B., 115; Lycoming, 29.63, Newton Bd., 15, Adeline Henry, 10.12; Mifflinburg, 1st, 25, Reardon Bd., 10; Milton, 92.45, Y. L. B., 30; Muncy, 37.50; New Berlin, 10; Northumberland, 27.59, Beatrice Bd., 15; Orangeville, 25; Shamokin, 25; Sunbury, 51.31, Dewdrop Bd., 15.44; Washington, 67, Y. L. B., 43.20; Washingtonville and Derry, 55.28, legacy Mrs. Helen C. Lowrie, dec'd, 40.80; Williamsport, 1st, 254.30, Curtis Hepburn Bd., 90; Williamsport, 2d, 296, Loring Bd., 50, Ministering Children, 14; Williamsport, 3d, Y. L. B., 36, S. S., 50, Carrier Doves, 7, 2,641.62

OCCIDENTAL BOARD.—West Berkeley, 5.00

PHILADELPHIA.—Atonement, Little Helpers, 5, Boys' Bd., 2.50; Calvary, 607, Star of Bethlehem Bd., 25, Henry Paul Bd., 30, Day Dawn, 35, Otto, 25, Prayer and Pence, 12.30, Hope Chapel cl,. 17, 21.22; Chambers, 200; Clinton St., Immanuel, 26; 1st Ch., 315; 2d, a lady, 200; Tabernacle, 195, Y. L. B., 125; Wharton St., Dew Drop Bd., 42; Woodland, 794.28, 2,543.30

PHILADELPHIA CENTRAL.—North Ch., S. S., No. 2, 35; Princeton, Y. L. S., 83.50, 118.50

PITTSBURG ANN ALLEGHENY COM.—Allegheny, 1st, 186.18, Earnest Workers, 55; 2d Ch., 44; Central, mite boxes, 12; North, 163, Hodge Bd., 100.15, Anna K. Warfield Bd., 10, Little Builders, 10; McClure Ave., 35.86; Providence, 10; Beaver, 44.50; Bellevue, 37.55; Bethany, 25; Bethel, 144; Birmingham, 1st, 27; Bridgewater, 56.87; Canonsburg, 53.50, Mayflower Bd., 7.10; Chartiers, 37; Emsworth, 58.28, legacy Mrs. Christina Berringer, 100; Freedom, 5; Glasgow, Shining Lights, 7; Glenshaw, Hannah Shaw Bd., 12; Hoboken, 21.36; Homestead, 30, Ministering Children, 2; Lebanon, 53; Leetsdale, 49.65; McKee's Rocks, 50; Mansfield, 100; Millvale, 43.78; Monongahela City, 73.74; Mt. Washington, 11.45; Oakdale, 8.15; Pittsburg, 2d, Y. L. S., 300, Adelaide Howard Bd., 94, McKibben Boys, 10.29; 3d Ch., 287; 4th, 50, S. S., 12; 7th, 7; Bellefield, Busy Bees, 60; Central, 50, Chalfant Bd., 34.50; E. Liberty, 171.70, Y. L. B., 9.65, Happer Bd., 5, Kumler Bd., 92; Lawrenceville 112, Little Workers, 9; Park Ave., 100, Gleaners, 70.69; Raccoon, 60, Candor Bd., 5; Rochester, 5; Sewickley, 57.50; Sharpsburg,

106.38; Swissvale, 130; Tarentum, 62; Wilkinsburg, 114; Young Ladies' Branch, 92.80, 3,791.63

PORTSMOUTH.—Eckmansville, 5; Ironton, Y. P. B., 13.42; Jackson, 21.07; Mt. Leigh, 5; Portsmouth, 1st, 33.16, Little Sowers, 20; 2d, 66.61; Ripley, 20, 184.26

REDSTONE.—Belle Vernon, 50.05, Happy Bd., 18.57; Brownsville, 50.25; Connellsville, 130.63, Y. L. C., 50.27, Johnston Bd., 5; Dunbar, 130, Loring Bd.. 50; Dunlap's Creek, 29.20; Greensboro, 13.50; Laurel Hill, 33; Long Run, 28.68; McKeesport, 100.85, Cheerful Gleaners, 50, Circles: No. 1, 31.37, No. 2, 29.30, No. 3, 26.37; Mt. Pleasant, 150.38, June Bd., 25; Mt. Pleasant, Reunion Ch., 76.20, Layyah Bd., 65.46; Mt. Vernon, 10; New Providence, 43, Ready Workers, 3; New Salem, 6.83; Pleasant Unity, 23, Trusting Bd., 5; Rehoboth, 20, Band, 13.25, Webster Circle, 10, Shaw Bd., 10; Round Hill, 50; Scottdale, 5.25; Tent, 20.50, Busy Bees, 7, Uniontown, 24.47; West Newton, 12.80, Y. L. S., 18, 1,426.18

SYRACUSE.—Syracuse, 4th Ch., 150; Park, 75, 225.00

WASHINGTON CITY.—Falls Ch., 47.70; Hyattsville, 44.74, Band, 3; Manassas, 12; Vienna, 5; Washington, 1st, 87.50, S. S., 40; 4th Ch., 162.56; 6th, 12; Assembly, 93.71, Bd., 10; Covenant, 361.78, S. S., 41.65; Eastern, 20.75; Metropolitan, 116.32, Mateer Bd., 35; New York Ave., 636.70, Bethany Bd., 50, Coral Workers, 25, Ladies' Bible Class, 10, Gurley Chapel, 14; North Ch., 50; Unity, 48; Western, 90; West St., 62.85; Westminster, 46.67; Coll. at Ann. Meeting, 26.24, 2,153.17

WEST JERSEY.—Hammonton, 10.00

WOOSTER.—Apple Creek, 5, Y. P. B., 19.40, Light Bearers, 3; Ashland, Y. L. C., 50, Rays of Light, 20; Bellville, 12, Band, 2.90; Bethel, 5; Canal Fulton, 2.60; Dalton, 12; Hayesville, 40; Hopewell, 11.25, Holcomb Bd., 23; Jackson, 30; Lexington, 24; Mansfield, 53.75, Mrs. C. J. Hamsher, 30, Y. P. B., 30; Nashville, 4.50; Orrville, 14.51; Plymouth, 12.50, Y. L. B., 20; Savannah, 17.50, Y. L. B., 30; Shreve, 5, Morning Star Bd., 11.25; Shelby, a lady, 1; Wayne, 13.50, Y. P. B., 1.63; West Salem, 10; Wooster, 1st, Y. L. B., 45, Wayside Workers, 25.17; Westminster, 107.30, Y. L. B., 38.50, Boys' Bd., 30, Coan Bd., 8.75 815.51

MISCELLANEOUS.—Avondale, Pa., Drew and George Hepburn, 50 cts.; Boonton, N. J., a Christian, 2; Kingston, Pa., Mrs. Ellen L. Welles, 25; Philadelphia, Mrs. W. W. Brown, 10; a thank off., 10 cts.; Rochester, Pa., Harry Caldwell, 1.50; Trenton, N. J., anon., 1; interest on ground rent, 312.50, 352.60

Total for March, 1888, $26,260.77
Total from May 1, 1887, $78,995.46

MRS. JULIA M. FISHBURN, *Treas.*,
April 2. 1888. 1334 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest to March 20, 1888.

ALTON.—Lebanon, 6.25

BELLEFONTAINE.—Presbyterial Society, 20; Bellefontaine, 16, S. S. B., 14.80; Buck Creek, 20; Bucyrus, 56; Forest, 12.35; Huntsville, 5; Kenton, 44, Happy Helpers, 4.82; Marseilles, 21; Upper Sandusky, 20.74; Urbana, pr. off., 40; W. Liberty, 39.02, 313.73

BLOOMINGTON.—Bement, 16.25, Sunbeams, 31.57; Bloomington, 58.25, King's Builders, 8; Chenoa, 29.60, Y. L. M. S., 45.32; Clinton, 35; El Paso, 10.70; Homer, 8.96; Lexington, 26.95, S. S., 8; Piper City, 122.17, Neely Bd., 35.37; Towanda, 45 cts., 437.29

BOULDER.—Boulder, 10; Fort Collins, 26, Bd., 12.50; Laramie, 10, Willing Workers, 10; Longmont, 20; Timnath, 15; Valmont, S. S., 15, 118.50

CAIRO.—Cairo, 10.70, Y. L. S., 40; Carmi, 21, th. off., 15.50, Bd., 10.95; Carbondale, 25, Bd., 2.81; Enfield, 5; Murphysboro, 2.50; Richland, 10; Salem, 18.50; Shawneetown, 11.80, th. off., 5, 178.76

CENTRAL DAKOTA.—Altoona, 12; Blunt, 6.71; Huron, 6.40; Pierre, 5; Ree Heights, Olive Branch Bd., 2.74, 32.85

CHICAGO.—Income from real estate given by Dr. and Mrs. Pearsons, 508.75; Bloom, 63, May Blossoms, 1.50; Chicago, 1st, 88.50, pr. off., 173.56, Workers in the Vineyard, 10, Y. L. S., 100; 2d, 797.75, Y. L. S., 44; 3d, 743.96, Y. L. S., 400; 4th, 1,062.50, pr. off., 103.50, Mothers' Mite Soc., 1.96, Y. L. S., 54.14; 5th, 99.45, S. S., 11.62, Mrs. Boyd's S. S. cl., 5, Rosebud Bd., 10.25; 8th, 27.25, Edith Fulton Soc., 2; 41st St. Ch., 75.23; Ch. of the Covenant, 28.75; Fullerton Ave. Ch., 175; Jefferson Park Ch., 84.50; Elwood, 5; Englewood, 100.62; Highland Park, 80; Hinsdale, S. S., 15; Homewood, 10; Hyde Park, 320.79, Y. L. S., 12, pr. off., 4.50, Girls' Bd., 7.58, Girls' M. S., 2.52; Joliet, Y. P. S., 7.75, S. S., 13.07; Kankakee, 27.47, pr. off., 34.53; Lake Forest, 18.25, pr. off., 73, Y. L. S., 65.80, pr. off., 2.50, Ferry Hall, 26.74, Steady Streams, 54.40; Manteno, 11.50; Maywood, 3; Normal Park, 5; Peotone, 56.71; Pullman, 30; S. Evanston, 22.19; Waukegan, 120.05; Wilmington, 16.75; Misc., 2, 5,820.89

CHIPPEWA.—Ashland, 12.12; Hudson, 29; Baldwin, 10.27, Band, 6.80; Pine Lake Branch, 9; Eau Claire, 40, 107.19

DENVER.—Denver, Central Ch., 39.75, th. off., 180.85; Capitol Ave. Ch., 58.80, Mrs. Brown, 3, Gems of Light, 25; 23d Ave. Ch., 33, Willing Workers, 20; Westminster Ch., 23.30; Golden, 5; Idaho Springs, 35, June Bd., 15, Mrs. E. P. Thomson, 25, 463.70

DESMOINES.—DesMoines, Central Ch., Missionary Twigs, 25.00

DETROIT.—Ann Arbor, 64.50, S. S., 17.80, Helper Bd., 20; Birmingham, 30, Ready Helpers, 8; Brighton, 6.15; Holly, 17; Howell, 76.77, Y. L. S., 75.11; Detroit, 1st, 350; Fort St., 88.10, S. S., 160, Rhea Bd., 110; Hamtramck Ch., 10; 3d Ave., 30; Westminster, Ladies' Union, 47.95, Y. L. S., 50, sale of spoons given by Miss Julia Johnson of the Thompson Home, 7.50; Milford, 100, Y. L. S., 13; Mt. Clemens, 36, Busy Bees, 10; Pontiac, Y. L. S., 8; Saline, 13.35, Willing Workers, 10; South Lyon, 17.71, Circle, 10.20; Stony Creek, 5, Y. P. S., 32.50, S. S., 5.50; Ypsilanti, 70, th. off., 86.50, 1,586.64

DUBUQUE.—Dubuque, 52, Y. L. S., 10; Hopkinton, 7.50, C. F., 10; Independence, 5.15, C. F., 51.29; Jesup, 2.63; Lansing, 25, C.F., 3.50; Mt. Hope, 3.35; Pine Creek, 10, 180.42

FARGO.—Casselton, 36.50

FT. DODGE.—Ashton, 5, Band, 2; Carroll, 18; Estherville, 10.60, Bd., 1.77; Fonda, Mrs. R. E. Flickinger, 10; Fort Dodge, 116.25; Grand Junction, 5.10; Ida Grove, 24.50; Jefferson, 28, S. S., 7.50, Union Band, 9.21; Le Mars, 44.70; Lohrville, 16.25; Paullina, 12.16; Sioux City, 15; Sanborn, 5.55; Vail, 13.40; less Pres. ex., 9.89, 335.10

FORT WAYNE.—Fort Wayne, 1st, 36.44; 2d, 41.50, S. S. S., 26,60; Elkhart, 64.86; Goshen, 25, increase, 7.76, Y. L. S., 50, S. S. B., 25; Huntington, 15.23, Mrs. Sessions' cl., 4.25, Y. L. S., 25; Kendallville, 61.08, S. S. S., 13.72; Lima, 26, S. S. S., 12.19; LaGrange, 17.50, S. S. S., 4.20; Ossian, 10; Warsaw, 29, S. S. S., 15.60; West Wayne, W. W. Band, 36, Berean Band, 20, 566.93

FREEPORT.—Argyle, 40; Belvidere, 56.13; Dakota, 20; Freeport, 1st, 200; 2d, 21.50; Fountaindale, Middle Creek Ch.. 39.41; Galena, 1st, 21.15, Circle, 20; Harvard, 9.30, Bd., 3.35; Hanover, 10; Hebron and Linn, 25; Oregon, 36.96; Rockford, 1st, 50.10; Westminster Ch., 88.70, Y.L.S., 20, Bd., 13.91; Winnebago, 92.55, Bd., 3.25; Woodstock, 6.43, Children's Christmas off., 5, 782.74

GRAND RAPIDS.—Evart, 10; Grand Haven, 70; Grand Rapids, 1st, 11.64, S. S., 8, Girls' Bd., 5; Westminster Ch., 36.50; Harbor Springs, 3.26; Muir, 6; Ionia, 3, 153.40

HURON.—Fostoria, 11.77, th. off., 12.23; Fremont, Do-something Bd., 21; Monroeville, 20; Peru, 4.55; Tiffin, S. S., 30, 99.55

INDIANAPOLIS.—Franklin, 74; Whiteland, 9; Indianapolis, 1st, 100; 2d, 208, Y. L. S., 3; 4th, 81, S. S., 34; 5th, 17; Tabernacle Ch., 238.48, Coral Builders, 16.25, inf. cl., 27.11; Memorial Ch., Band, 2, 809.84

IOWA.—Burlington, 145.86; Morning Sun, 30, 175.86

KALAMAZOO.—Allegan, .25, th. off., 13.50; Burr Oak, 7.08, th. off., 8; Buchanan, 25; Constantine, 7, th. off., 4.85; Cassopolis, 7.50, th. off., 3.50; Kalamazoo, 41.09, th. off., 39; North Ch., 5; Martin, 10, Y. P., 2; Niles, 38.75, th. off., 30, Y. P. S., 15; Paw Paw, 25; Schoolcraft, 6.90, th. off., 20; Sturgis, 10.42, th. off., 5.58; Three Rivers, 17.78, th. off., 5.47; White Pigeon, 6.50, 379.92

KEARNEY.—St. Paul, 5.07, Band, 39.45, 44.52

LAKE SUPERIOR.—Ishpeming, 35.10; Marinette, 11.46; Menominee, 8.10, Girls' Bd., 40; Sault St. Marie, 17.82, 112.48

LANSING.—Albion, 4, S. S., 12, Daughters of the King, 7; Battle Creek, Miss Sarah W. Wheelock, 10; Brooklyn, 9; Hastings, 6, S. S., 7; Holt, 5; Lansing, Franklin St. Ch., Coral Bd., 16; Mason, Cheerful Givers, 19; Marshall, 32.65, S. S., Chr. off., 8, Mrs. Haskell's cl., 14, Mrs. Gardner's, 5, Miss S. M. Aldrich's, 1.12; Oneida, 3; Parma, 12; Tekonsha, 2.95, 173.72

LIMA.—Ada, 60; Columbus Grove, 10; Delphos, 19, S. S., 17.49; Findlay, 30, Circle, 5; St. Mary's, 9.26, H. M., 9.26, S. S., 21.55, Willing Workers, 7.45; Sidney, 75, C. F., 25; Van Wert, 27.05, Children, 41.90, 357.96

LOGANSPORT.—Concord, 9.32; Crown Point, 10; Goodland, 10; Kentland, 8; Lake Prairie, 2.47, Little Helpers, 1; La Porte, 27.58, Circle, 43.42; Logansport, 1st, 50, S. S., 20, Gleaners, 10; Broadway Ch., 9.45, S. S., 6.68, Bd., 20.85; Michigan City, 11.35, Girls' Bd., 45, S. S., 12.92; Mishawaka, Busy Bees, 11.70, Standard Bearers, 7.26; Monticello, 17.78, Y. P. M. S., 3, Gideon's Band, 41.88; Mt. Zion, 11; Plymouth, 20; Rochester, 15.54, Do-what-we-can Bd., 20; South Bend, 1st, 15, Bd., 13.40, S. S. M. Bds., 47.72; Valparaiso, 5, C. F., 26.65; Union, 9.18; West Union, 2.80, Gleaners, 1.50, 567.45

MADISON.—Cambria, 14.75, Y. L. S., 2.42; Janesville, 31.50, Y. L. S., 25; Kilbourn, 23; Lima, 16; Lodi, 12.61; Mineral Point, 3; Oregon, 11; Portage, 3.75; Poynette, 9.50; Prairie du Sac, 10, Richland Centre, 2, 164.53

MANKATO.—Amboy, 15.57; Blue Earth City, 23.19, S. S., 8; Jackson, S. S. B., 17.76; Kasota, 9.93; Madelia, Mrs. A. H. Benton, 5; Mankato, 75, Boys' Bd.. 5, King's Builders, 5; Le Sneur, 15.13, Y. P. B., 40; La Verne, 10.40; Pilot Grove, 20; Red Wood Falls, Y. L. B., 3.25, Little Heralds Band, 4.19; St. Peter's, 6.52; Winnebago City, 25; Worthington, 21.23, 310.17

MATTOON.—Ashmore, 7.80; Charleston, 14.35; Dalton City, 15; Effingham, 5; Kansas, 28.26; Mattoon, 18; Morrisonville, 4.85, Y. L. B., 23.25; Neoga, 15, Mrs. S. F. Wilson, 10.50; Pana, 50, Agnes Carey Bd., 5; Paris, 20.50; Prairie Home, 25; Robinson, 10; Taylorville, 11.32; Vandalia, 37.50, 301.33

MILWAUKEE.—Beaver Dam, 1st, 7.50; Delafield, 7; Manitowoc, S. S., 18.22; Milwaukee, Mrs. S. A. Johnson, H. M., 10; Calvary Ch., 80, S. S., 1st Wis. Vol., 50; Immanuel Ch., 146.66, pr. off., 86, Y. L. S., 48.47, pr. off., 51.34, S. S. Birthday box, 41.30; Somers, 19.50; Waukesha, 12.75, th. off., 3.25, 581.99

MONTANA.—Deer Lodge, S. S., 7.60

MUNCIE.—Anderson, 18; Lagro, 5; Marion, 16, Girls Bd., 4.50; Muncie, 30; New Hope, 2.25; Noblesville, 5.50, S. S. jub. off., 14; Peru, 28.42; Union City, 5; Wabash, 16.85, 145.51

OTTAWA.—Aurora, 26.17, S, S., 6.25; N. Aurora, Mrs. Chester Pierce, 4.40; Grand Ridge, Y. L. S., 10; Mendota, 34; Morris, 48; Oswego, 10; Plato, 25, Cheerful Workers, 7.50; Rochelle, 20; Sandwich, 69.90, Mr. and Mrs. Hillman, 50, 303.72

PEMBINA.—Arvilla, 20, Rose Buds, 8; Bathgate, 76.25, Charlotte Oeusconsin Bd., 25, Northern Light Bearers, 14; Emerado, 10; Minnewaukon, Pioneer Bd., 12.50; S. Carlisle, 6.50, 172.25

PUEBLO.—S. Pueblo, Mrs. John Cameron, 20, Peter Cameron, 25 cts., 20.25

ROCK RIVER.—Aledo, 25; Millersburg, 11.05, th. off., 1.45, H. M., 12.50; Sterling, 20, 70.00

SAGINAW.—Bay City, 17, Wight Bd., 50.16, Rope Holders, 25.51, Mrs. J.A. Wight, 1, Mrs. Bonnell, 1; Caro, 20, jub. off., 9.75, Selden Bd., 3.45; Corunna, 10; E. Saginaw, 1st, 10; Washington Ave. Ch., S. S., Chr. off., 26.22, Mission S. S., 6.85; Ithaca, 15; Lapeer, 56, S.S., 50; Morrice, 4.40, jub. off., 13.60; Midland, 15.33; Vassar, 14; Saginaw, 350, jub. off., 72, Y. P. S., 50, S. S., 50, Penny Gleaners, 50, Mission School, 5.35, Golden Rule Bd., 60; West Bay City, 16.46, 1,003.08

ST. PAUL.—Hastings, 12.50, Vol. Bd., 20; Minneapolis, Bethlehem Ch., 84.31, Van Cleve Bd., 5.50; 1st, 57.91, Echo Bd., 20, Merry Gleaners, 20.43; 5th, 7.50; Franklin Ave. Ch., 14; Westminster Ch., 97.75, pr. off., 113.07, Busy Bees, 3, Daughters of the King, 11.80, H. M., 4.32, Y. L. S., 200, Gleaners, 13.25; Stewart Memorial Ch., 5; Highland Park Ch., 32.28; Red Wing, 23.55; St. Paul, Central Ch., 79.40, Y. L. S., 100, Little Flock, 25.52, S. S. Vol. Bd., 50; Dayton Ave. Ch., 65, jub. off., 30; 1st, 20; Merriam Park Ch., Wayside Gleaners, 12.74; Macalester, 20, Golden Rule Band, 10; House of Hope Ch., 215.46; Westminster Ch., 10; St. Cloud, 20; Stillwater, Albright Bd., 10, jub. off., 15, 1,429.29

SCHUYLER.—Appanoose, 11; Augusta, 3.50; Bardolph, 42.85; Bushnell, 7.50, S. S., 20; Carthage, 7.05, Dew Drops, 5; Ebenezer Ch., Macomb, 2.50; Fountain Green, 15, Herman Bd., 14; Kirkwood, 37.50; Macomb, 13.17, Earnest Workers, 6, Band, 5.53; Monmouth, 20, Y. L. S., 20; Perry, 30.10; Prairie City, 23, Shining Lights, 2.66; Rushville, 50; Warsaw, S. S. M. S., 1; Wythe Ch., Elderville, 13.50, 350.86

SOUTHERN DAKOTA.—Kimball, 5.00

SPRINGFIELD.—Bates, 28.30; Decatur, 16.15; Jacksonville, State St. Ch., 82; Westminster Ch., 32.85, pr. off., 50; Lincoln, 10.78, pr. off., 4.52, Band, 1.46; Macon, 6; Mason City, 36.96, pr. off., 9.08; N. Sangamon, pr. off., 30.85; Pisgah, 14; Petersburg; pr. off., 29.54, Band, 24.21; Springfield, 1st, 147.50, Jub. off., 10, Y. L. S., 100.50, S. S., 63.34, Busy Bees, 30.37; 2d, 110.50, Y. L. S., 61.03, Memorial Bd., 7.64; 3d, 12.50, S. S., 5.31; Unity, 14.95; Virginia, pr. off., 43.90, 984.24

VINCENNES.—Brazil, 11; Evansville, 1st Ave. Ch., 4.20, Willing Workers, 10; Grace Ch., 50, Busy Bees, 15; Walnut St., 17.65; Gosport, Bethany Ch., S. S. B., 2.58; Hymera, Claiborne Ch., 6.65; Mt. Vernon, 12; Oakland City, 3; Petersburgh, 24, S. S. B., 6.67; Princeton, 11; Spencer, 6, Little Gleaners, 4; Terre Haute, Central Ch., 50, "for the million," 11.55; Moffatt St. Ch., 6.25; Washington, 15.25, Willing Workers, 20; Upper Indiana Ch., 6; Vincennes, 14.70, 307.50

WATERLOO.—Ackley, 13, Sunbeam Bd., 20; Albion, 3.25; Cedar Falls, 12; Dysart, 3.23, S. S. B., 8; Dist. No. 5, S. S., 2; Grundy Centre, 12.37, C. F., 4.58; Janesville, 5.50; La-Porte, 18; Marshalltown, 27.83, Early Seekers, 60 cts.; Morrison, 6; Nevada, 14; Salem, 11.07; State Centre, S. S., 7, Y. L. S. C. E., 10; Tama City, 1.20; Toledo, Y. L. F. M. S., 7.42; Tranquility, 27.38, 214.43

WHITEWATER.—College Corner, 3.25; Cambridge City, 6; Connersville, 46.75, S. S., 20, Mrs. Fryburger's cl., 16 20; Greensburg, 122.72, Y. P. S., 8.28, S. S., 56.76; Harmony, 2.50; Kingston, 36.60; Knightstown, 5, Willing Workers, 1.50; Mt. Carmel, 4.14; New Castle, 2; Richmond, 55; Rushville, 62.15, S. S., 9.85; Sardinia, 12, Mrs. Jas. S. Harper, 5; Shelbyville, 54.09, Golden Rule Circle, 3 15, 532.94

WINNEBAGO.—Fond du Lac, 30.00

WINONA.—Albert Lea, 45.52, Y. L. C., 38.70, Y. L. of Albert Lea College, 21.05; Chatfield, 10.15, S. S. B., 17; Claremont, Bd., 3; Fremont, two ladies, 3.60; Rochester,

28.47, Y. P. S., 58.14, Downing Bd., 3.44; Preston, Curran Bd., 3; Sundry, 1, 233.07

Miscellaneous.—Mrs. C. Hartwell, 5; Anon., 5; Madison Run, Va., Miss B. H. Foley and sister, 10; th. off., for the privilege of giving once more to the cause of foreign missions, 25; sale of flowers, 45 cts.; sale of leaflets, Historical Sketches, etc., 62,54; of annals, 51.74; of calendars, 1.80; misc., 2.91; Societies for pub. of Report and Letter: Newton, Ill., 1; Chenoa, 1, Y.L.S., 1; Monticello, Ind., 1.10, 168.54

Total for month, $21,203.50
Previously acknowledged, 44,186.59

Total from April 20, '87, to March 20, '88, $65,390.09

Whitewater Presbyterial Society has sent a box to Japan, valued at $186.83.

Mrs. C. B. Farwell, *Treas.*,
Chicago, March 20, 1888. Room 48, McCormick Block.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Foreign Missionary Society of Northern New York, from Feb. 1, to April 1, 1888.

Albany.—Albany, State St., 310.40; Galway, 53; West Galway, 8.53; Corinth, S. S. Bd., 9.15; Northampton, Bd., 5.56; Mariaville, 32, Bd., 5; Albany, 1st, Y. L. B., 100, S. S. inf. dept., 50; 4th, Soc., 1.50, G. H. B., 50, Y. L. B., 50; Greenbush, Bds., 69.08; West Troy, Memorial, 35.94; Luzerne, 21.41, Y. L. B., 2.26; Greenville, 36.60; Schenectady, 1st, 123.65, Bd., 111.30, S. S., 154.06; Schenectady, East Ave., Soc. and Y. L. B., 72; Esperance, 4; Princetown, 50; Tribes Hill, 8 50; Schenectady, Park Place Chapel, 35.46, 1,399.40

Champlain.—Peru, 5; Keeseville, 16.77; Plattsburgh, 40.65; Beekmantown, 2.30, Bd., 12.35, 77.07

Columbia.—Durham, Soc. and Bd., 22; Windham, 27.50, Y. L. B., 8.50; Centreville, 4; Jewett, 41.50, Bd., 4.50; Hunter, 30, 138.00

Troy.—Glens Falls, 111.50; Melrose, 10, Bd., 15; Schaghticote, 10; Troy, 1st Ch., 262.80, Bds., 179; Park Ch., 9; Bethany Chapel, Bd., 23; Woodside, 42.25; 2d St., 95.75, Sen. Bd., 102; Oakwood Ave., 2.50, S. S., 15, Bds., 17; 2d Ch., 25; Westminster, 16.89; Memorial, 20; Fort Edward, 84.82; Johnsonville, 41.75; Lansingburg, Olivet, 32.83; Cambridge, 54; N. Granville, 18.59; Waterford, 33.55; Warrensburgh, 5, 1,248.23

Total, $2,882.70
Previously reported, 2,513.09

Total from April 1, '87, $5,400.79

Mary E. Church, Treas.

Receipts of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church for March, 1888.

Binghamton.—Binghamton, 1st, 187.50, pr. off., add'l, 1.50; North, 25; West, 25; Cannonsville 10; Conklin, 18.50; Cortland, 25.84, Busy Workers, 36; Coventry, 22; McGrawville, 27, pr. off., 9, Girls' Miss. Bd., 50; Nineveh, 32; Owego, 130, pr. off., 8.80; Smithville Flats, 25, pr. off., 7.28; Union, 40; Waverly, 9; Whitney's Point, 15; Windsor, 26 70, 731.12

Boston, Mass.—Boston, Columbus Ave., 32.49, Y. L. S., 3.92, Greene Bd., 18.92; Portland, Me., 6; Providence, R. I., 65, pr. off., 10; South Boston, 25, Light Bearers, pr. off., 20; South Framingham, 2.37, 183.70

Brooklyn.—Brooklyn, Ainslie St., 14.58; Classon Ave., 49.58; Duryea, 4.66, Miss. Bd., 23.45; 1st, 130.18, pr. off., add'l, 1; Franklin Ave., 12.03, Y. L. S., 2.91; Greene Ave., 14.70; Greenpoint, 48.91; Hopkins St., 5.83; Lafayette Ave., 110.79; Memorial, 20.41, pr. off., 25; Mt. Olivet, 6.82; Ross St., 70.66; 2d, 107.61, Y. L. Miss. Bd., 15; 7th Ave. Chapel, Little Givers, 6; South 3d St., 90.18, Miss. Bd., 29.16; Throop Ave., 71.18, Y. L. Miss. Bd., 20.41, Girls' Bd., 2.64, Boys' Bd., 1.75, Little Workers, 10.50, S. S. Miss. Soc., 17.50; Trinity, 44.91; Westminster, 43.16; Stapleton, S. I., 1st, 28.58; West Brighton, S. I., Calvary, Y. L. Bd., 23.33, 1,053.42

Buffalo.—Alden, Y. P. S., 10; Buffalo, Bethany, 9.79, pr. off., 12.55; Breckinridge St., 6.50; Calvary, 65.81, pr. off., 81.01, Miss. Bd., 51; Central, 180, Miss Fanny Warner, 21.85; East, 20.25, Young Helpers, pr. off., 10.15; 1st, 190, pr. off., 10; Lafayette St., 56.67, pr. off., 66.10, G. W. Heacock Bd., 25; North, 189.93, Y. L. S., 30; Wells St., Y. P. Soc., C. E., 13.26; Westminster, 147.47; West Side, 12; Clarence, 9; Dunkirk, Steady Streams, 25; East Aurora, 9; Franklinville, 5; Fredonia, 40; Jamestown, S. S., 7.50; Olean, 28.60, Y. L. S., 20, Do-good Bd., 5; Portville, 75, Y. L. S., 20, Whatsoever Bd., 10; Sherman, 21.23, Y. P. S., 13.77; Silver Creek, 12; Springville, 25; Westfield, Earnest Workers, 30, 1,565.44

Cayuga.—Auburn, Calvary, 10, Y. L. S., 10; Central, 100, King's Daughters, 10; 1st, 25, Y. P. S., 60; 2d, 1.90, pr. off., 50, Girls' Miss. Soc., 50; Aurora, Wells College, 50; Cayuga, 16.50, pr. off., 3.60, Willing Hands, 10; Dryden, friends, 2; Fair Haven, 10; Five Corners, 8.46, Y. P. S., 7; Ithaca, 78.67, King's Messengers, 27.42; King's Ferry, 10, pr. off, 31.25, Cheerful Workers, 13.30; Meridian, 32.73, Girls' Miss. Bd., 30; Owasco, 29; Port Byron, 37, Miss. Bd., 5; Scipioville, 10.08; Union Springs, 18; Weedsport, Memorial Band, 25, 771.91

Chemung.—Big Flats, 12.50; Burdett, 36.50; Dundee, 11.10; Elmira, 1st, 61.95, Beginners' Bd., 28; Lake St., 62, pr. off., 20.37; Hector, 10; Horseheads, 14.35, pr. off., 20, S. S. cl., 3.37, a lady, 15; Mecklenburg, 11, pr. off., 16; Monterey, 5; Moreland, 4.78; Newfield, 10; Rock Stream, 8.50; Southport, 20; Spencer, 10.25; Sugar Hill, 3; Tyrone, 1; Watkins, 30, Y. P. Soc., C. E., 10, 424.67

Ebenezer, Ky.—Covington, 1st, 50; Flemingsburg, 18.14, Mary Lyle Bd., 11.45; Frankfort, 1st, 20, legacy of Mrs. Rebecca Barbour, 100; Lexington, 2d, 50, Y. P. Social Cir., 25, Y. P. Social Union, 3.75; Mt. Sterling, 3.67, Florence Wishard Bd., 4; Newport, Y. L. S., 7; Paris, 54.80; Williamstown, 39.15, 386.96

Genesee.—Attica, 29, Willing Workers, 5; Batavia, 1st, 221.70, S. S. Miss. Bd., 67.93; Bergen, 21.22, Y. L. Miss. Cir., 2.54, Busy Bees, 15; Byron, 20; Castile, 12.74, pr. off., 40.34, Blossom Bd., 2.80, a friend, 4; Corfu, 10; Elba, 32.68; Le Roy, 44.50; North Bergen, 37.74, pr. off., 17.05, Sunbeam Bd., 17.18; Oakfield, 16; Pike, 10; Stone Church, 31.70, May Blossom Bd., 7; Tonowanda Valley, 16; Warsaw, 120.17, pr. off., 40.25, Y. L. S., 35.88; Wyoming, 45, 923.42

Geneva.—Bellona, 25, Lend-a-hand Cir., 25; Canandaigua, 30, pr. off., 53.67; Clifton Springs, a friend, 3; Geneva, 1st, Y. L. S., 100; Gorham, 12.50; Naples, 17.03, Miss. Bd., 3.50, S. S., 6.96; Oak Corners, 15; Ovid, 30; Penn Yan, 33, Y. L. S., 17.50; Phelps, 90.50, pr. off., 45, Everett Bd., 15; Romulus, 69.60; Seneca, 70.19, Cheerful Givers, 70.20; Seneca Castle, 23, pr. off., 2, Cheerful Givers, 10; Seneca Falls, 50, pr. off., 16; Trumansburg, 22, pr. off., 28; Waterloo, Warner Soc., 20, 903.65

Balance of receipts will appear next month.

Total for the month, $24,788.51
Total receipts from April 1, 1887, $62,685.66

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